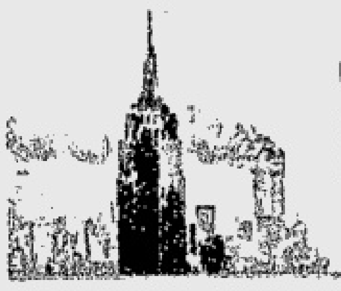

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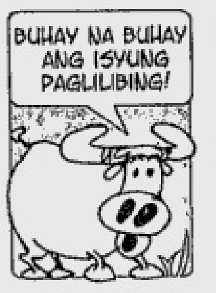
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By Cristina Arzadon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LAOAG CITY—A MILLION signatures may move President Macapagal-Arroyo into allowing

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Solons tell bishops: Respect House vote

By Philip C. Tubeza and Christian V. Esguerra

SAYING "THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE IS THE voice of God," administration lawmakers yesterday urged Philippine Catholic Church leaders to respect the House decision to quash the impeachment complaints against President

SOLONS/ A6

Pacquiao lifts RP spirits

Fil-Am, Boholano boxers also KO foes in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—FILIPINO BOXING idol Manny Pacquiao stopped Mexican Hector Velazquez with a technical knockout in the sixth round of a scheduled 12-round super featherweight bout to cap an explosive Philippine boxing show at the Staples Center here on Saturday.

Fil-American Brian Viloria, raised in Hawaii by Ilocano parents from Narvacan, earlier captured the World Boxing Council light flyweight crown with a sensational first-round knockout of defending champion Eric Ortiz of Mexico.

And 19-year-old Boholano Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista more than lived up to his growing reputation as the next Pacquiao by knocking out Colombian Felix Flores Murillo in one minute and 12 seconds of the third round of their eight-round encounter.

It was the 17th straight win—and the 13th inside the distance—for Bautista, who is the reigning World Boxing Organization Asia-Pacific bantamweight champion.

The impressive string of victories was the first for the Filipino fighters in an international card in the United States, and President Macapagal-Arroyo promptly congratulated the three boxers, calling them superb examples of Filipino youth.

It was "a triple victory for us," said Ms Arroyo in Manila.

"The nation rejoiced at Manny Pacquiao's victory," she said in a statement in Filipino. "God heard my prayers that he win . . . His fight is the fight of all Filipinos."

The triple knockouts scored by Pacquiao, Viloria and Bautista provided Filipinos with a welcome respite from the months-long political crisis back home. *(See related story on Page 4.)*

As expected, it was Pacquiao who held the spotlight the longest as he skillfully kept his end of the bargain in a projected rich rematch in January with Mexican Erik Morales.

The pride of General Santos City trapped Velazquez against the ropes three times in the sixth round, finally bringing him to his knees in the final second.

The referee began the count, and Velazquez slowly stood up but could not continue and the fight was stopped.

Morales was later upset by former US Olympian Zahir Raheem via a 12-round unanimous decision in the comainer of the same card dubbed "Double Trouble."

US promoter Top Rank, however, said the Jan. 21 Morales-Pacquiao rematch was still on. *(See Sports, Page A25.)*

Pacquiao came out slowly in the first two rounds as the veteran Velazquez, who had won his last five bouts, stunned him several times with right hands to the head.

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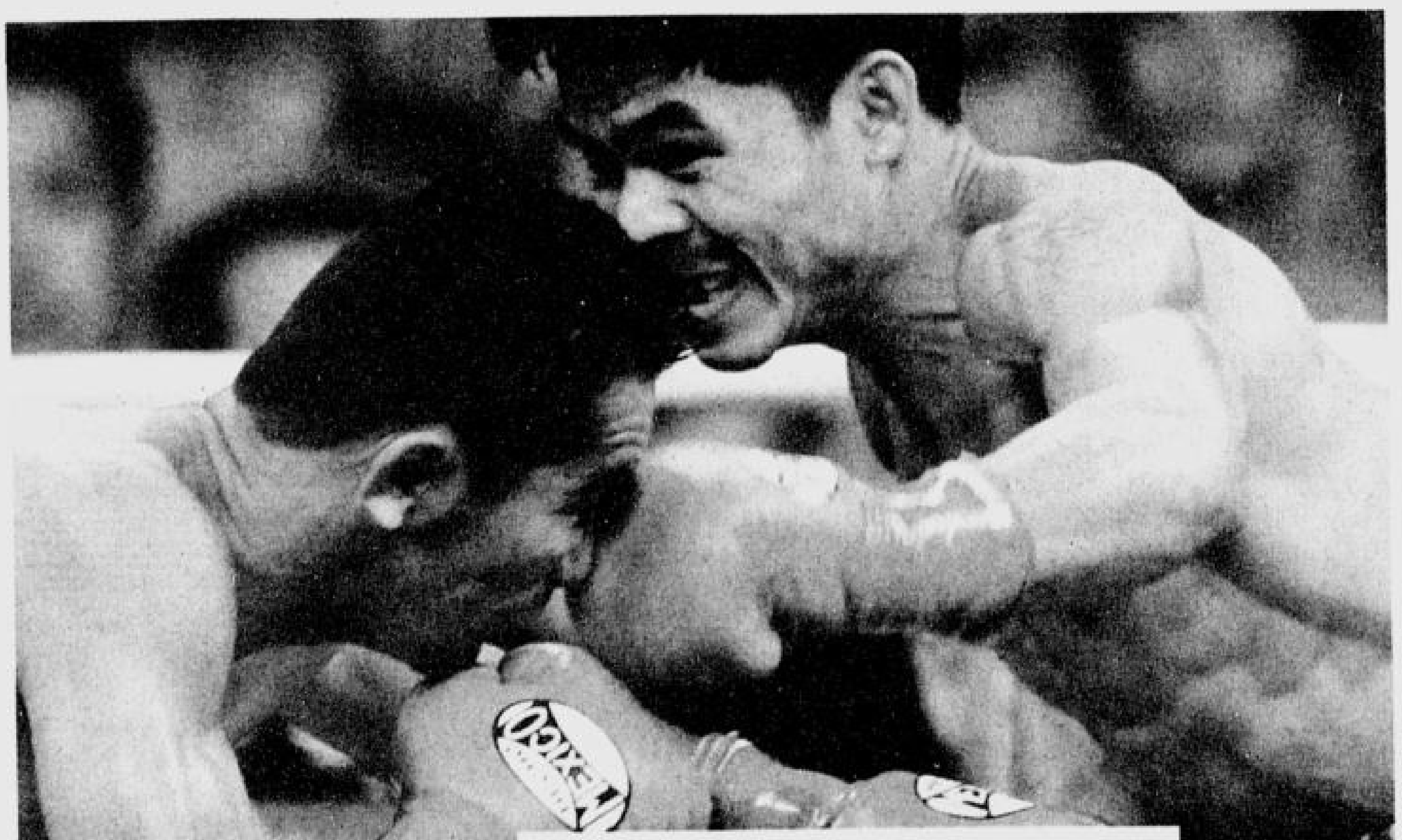

THE PHILIPPINES' top boxer Manny Pacquiao (right) delivers a hard left to the face of Hector Velazquez of Tijuana, Mexico, during the first round of their World Boxing Council super featherweight bout at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Pacquiao won by sixth-round technical knockout. AP

FIL-AM Brian Viloria of Waipahu, Hawaii, raises the Philippine flag in celebration after his first-round knockout of Eric Ortiz of Mexico City during their WBC light flyweight championship bout, also at Staples Center. Viloria's parents hail from Ilocos Sur. AP

FILIPINO maid Guen Garlejo Aguilar, 29, faces the penalty of death by hanging in Singapore. AFP

Pinay maid in grisly slay charged in S'pore court

SINGAPORE—SHE LOOKED exhausted and broke into tears when she was charged in court yesterday with murdering a compatriot and dismembering her body.

Filipino maid Guen Garlejo Aguilar, 29, a mother of two from Baguio City, faces the mandatory penalty of death by hanging if found guilty of murdering Jane Parangan La Puebla, 26, also a Filipino maid, from Nueva Vizcaya.

In Manila, the Department of Foreign Affairs said it was making representations with the Singaporean government and pledged to provide legal assistance to both Aguilar and the family of the victim.

The gruesome murder brought back echoes of the case of maid Flor Contemplacion who was hanged at Singapore's Changi Prison in 1995 for the death of compatriot Delia Maga and Maga's 4-year-old Singaporean ward.

Contemplacion's execution triggered a bitter diplomatic row between Manila and Singapore and widespread protests by Filipinos, who blamed their government for not moving fast enough

PINAY/ A8

House vote shows deep divisions in country

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

THE HOUSE VOTE TO DISMISS the three impeachment complaints against President Macapagal-Arroyo has left a swath of devastation in the political landscape littered by what now looks like the levees of New Orleans wrecked by Hurricane Katrina.

The result transformed the political map that shows party realignments breached by crossovers in the dismissal vote. The redrawn map tells in graphic terms the story of how Ms Arroyo was able to survive the impeachment test in the House. It underlines the fragility and unstable base of parties and political alliances.

The issue of quashing the cases had such a seismic impact that the vote left in its wake deep divisions in the political parties, in the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy, as well as in the militant movement in the streets still pressing for the President's resignation.

The crossover of party lines illustrates the triumph of divide and rule as a formula for political survival. Although the President has survived the challenge, the vote leaves the country as deeply and bitterly divided as ever, and

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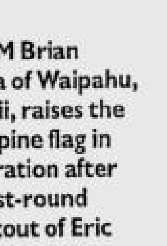
Tirol named PDI readers' advocate

TIROL: Rejoins PDI family.



VALDES: From SVP to EVP.

LORNA KALAW-Tirol, editor and writer, has been appointed readers' advocate of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, PDI president Alexandra R. Prieto-Romualdez announced yesterday.

Romualdez also announced the promotion of David O. Valdes, senior vice president for corporate services, to PDI executive vice president.

Tirol replaced Raul Palabrica, who resigned in April when he was appointed a commissioner at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

As readers' advocate, Tirol will monitor the editorial content of the INQUIRER for compliance with the Journalists' Code of Ethics and the Canons of Taste for Journalists.

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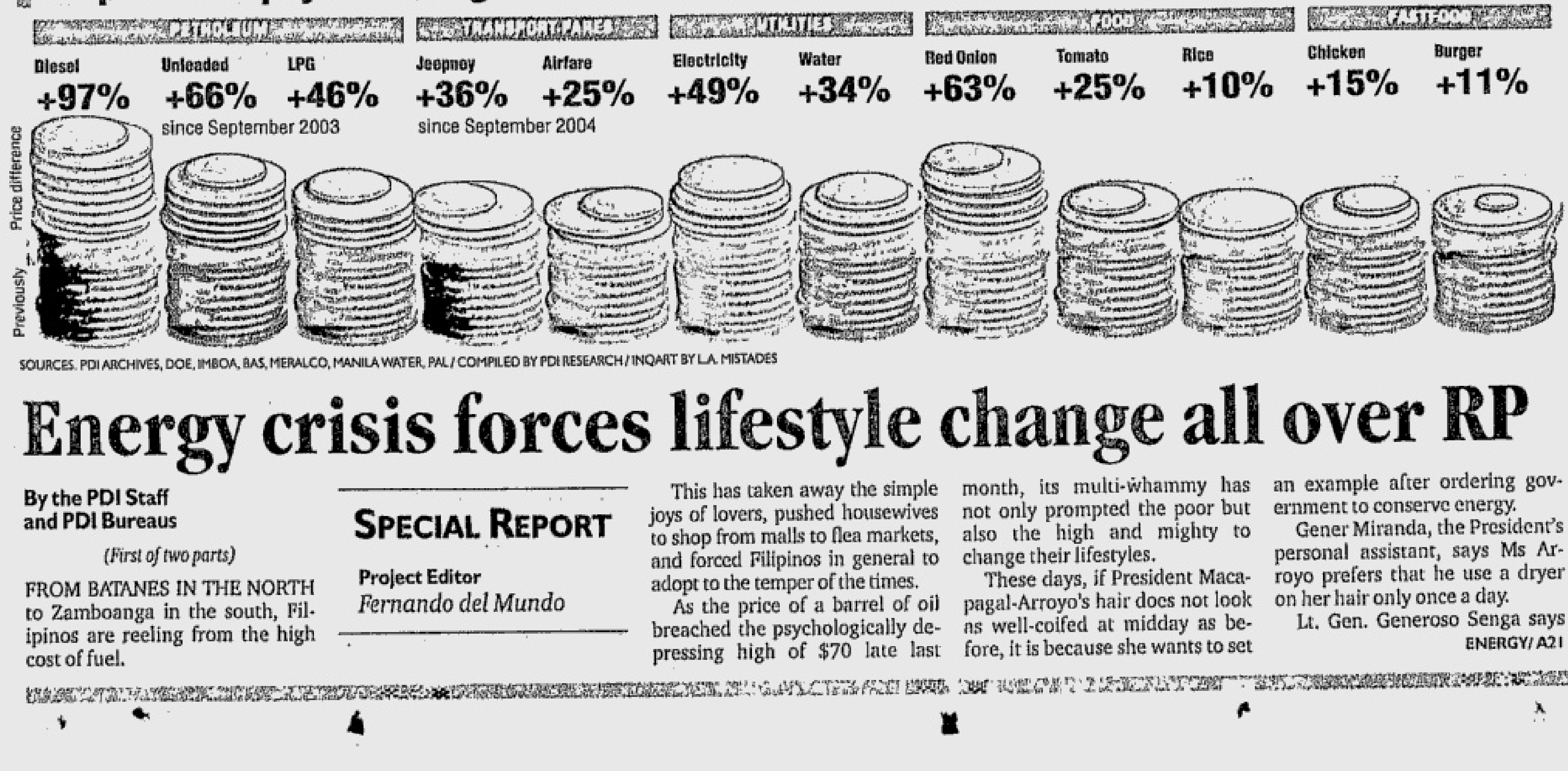
Filipinos will pay more for goods and services



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Energy crisis forces lifestyle change all over RP

By the PDI Staff and PDI Bureaus

(First of two parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

Project Editor
Fernando del Mundo

FROM BATANES IN THE NORTH to Zamboanga in the south, Filipinos are reeling from the high cost of fuel.

This has taken away the simple joys of lovers, pushed housewives to shop from malls to flea markets, and forced Filipinos in general to adopt to the temper of the times.

As the price of a barrel of oil breached the psychologically depressing high of $70 late last month, its multi-whammy has not only prompted the poor but also the high and mighty to change their lifestyles.

These days, if President Macapagal-Arroyo's hair does not look as well-coifed at midday as before, it is because she wants to set an example after ordering government to conserve energy.

Gener Miranda, the President's personal assistant, says Ms Arroyo prefers that he use a dryer on her hair only once a day.

Lt. Gen. Generoso Senga says

ENERGY/ A21

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon and Visayas will have mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Metro Manila	Cloudy with Rains	Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains
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Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Partly Cloudy

Vehicle number-coding lifted today

By Tarra V. Quismundo

EXPECT MORE PRIVATE VEHICLES on metro roads today, as the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has given the number-coding traffic reduction scheme a dayoff in the face of the scheduled nationwide transport strike.

"We've decided to lift coding today so we could help commuters. They are our primary concern," said MMDA Deputy Chair Cesar Lacuna in a phone interview yesterday.

MMDA officials made the decision to suspend the Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program (UVVRP) as transport groups signified their intention to push through with the transport strike on the first day of the workweek.

A traffic control scheme, the UVVRP reduces the number of vehicles plying metro streets by roughly 20 percent by barring cars from traveling on certain days based on the last digits of their license plates.

As in the past, today's strike will be a show of indignation by jeepney operators and drivers against soaring fuel prices. The stoppage is aimed at paralyzing jeepney routes in Metro Manila and key cities throughout the country.

"We are neither looking down on nor being too anxious about the strike. We just have to be prepared for it, although we don't believe that it would have much effect. We just don't want to be caught by surprise," said Lacuna.

The MMDA did get surprised during the last massive transport strike on April 18, when it was compelled to lift the number-coding hours after public transport paralysis was felt in some areas of the metropolis, particularly on routes within Manila and the northern Metro Manila cities.

RP-wide transport strike to protest high fuel prices

By Luige A. del Puerto, Philip C. Tubeza and Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

DESCRIBING IT AS THEIR "send-off rally" for President Macapagal-Arroyo who is leaving for the US, militant groups will stage a nationwide transport strike today to protest the skyrocketing prices of fuel and to demand her resignation.

The militant Pinagkaisang Samahan ng Tsuper at Opereytor Nationwide (Piston), an affiliate of Kilusang Mayo Uno, is spearheading the transport strike in Metro Manila and various parts of the country.

Organizers said the protest actions will be held simultaneously in Baguio, Cagayan Valley, Pangasinan, Central Luzon, Metro Manila, Southern Tagalog, Bicol, Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Panay, Cebu, Davao City, Socsargen, Cagayan de Oro City, Cotabato and the Caraga region.

Piston said drivers could no longer stand the continued rise in the price of fuel.

Piston claims to have more than 250,000 members nationwide.

"We want the United Nations to see the clear message of Filipino workers … We are united in our disgust at the Arroyo administration," the KMU said in a statement.

Prelude to bigger strike

Anakpawis Rep. Crispin Beltran said today's transport strike will be a prelude to a Welgang Bayan or nationwide strike by workers from different sectors of the economy against the Arroyo administration.

Beltran and fellow Anakpawis party-list Rep. Rafael Mariano will join the striking drivers at the Welcome Rotonda in Quezon City at 6 a.m. today.

To lessen the impact of the strike in the metropolis, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority has canceled the implementation of the number-coding scheme. *(See story at left)*

Police in Metro Manila and in the provinces were placed on full alert at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Philippine National Police Director General Arturo Lomibao yesterday appealed to jeepney drivers joining the strike to "respect the rights of others."

He said strikers should not force or intimidate fellow drivers who do not join the strike.

Police buses, trucks

Lomibao said the National Capital Region Police Office would deploy police buses and trucks to ferry stranded passengers.

In Cebu City, members of the militant Nagkahiusang Drayber sa Sugbo (Nadsu) in Metro Cebu will join today's transport stoppage dubbed "Tigil Pasada."

But Nadsu chair Anthony Pogado and Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) Central Visayas regional chair Jaime Paglinawan clarified that today's protest activity could not be considered a transport strike.

"We are not aiming to paralyze Metro Cebu's transport system. We are just urging our members to join the protest from 4 a.m. to noon today," Pogado said.

Paglinawan said the participants of today's Hunong Byahe will hold a protest caravan at 10 a.m. around Cebu City's main thoroughfares before converging on Colon Street for a final rally until noon.

Other militant groups joining the protest activity include Gabriela, Anakpawis and Kilusan ng mga Magbubukid ng Pilipinas, Paglinawan said.

Courtesy cards

To counter the strike, Cebu City Councilor Gerardo Carillo said the city government would distribute pack meals and courtesy cards to drivers who would not join the stoppage. The "courtesy card" can be used to waive a fine if a driver is apprehended for a traffic violation.

Carillo said they will deploy 25 city-owned buses and 60 multicabs and barangay vehicles to ferry stranded passengers.

Bukluran is also calling on Negrenses to join the strike set from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. today.

The strike is being spearheaded by the United Negros Drivers Operators Center. Its secretary general Jessie Ortega said they expect about 80 percent of public transportation in Negros Occidental to join in. But The Federation of Bacolod City Drivers Associations is not joining the strike.

In Cagayan de Oro City, the Solidarity Transport Alliance in Northern Mindanao said public utility jeepneys belonging to the group would not ply their routes today.

But other groups such as the Transport Federation of Cagayan de Oro (Trafeco) have adopted a wait-and-see attitude. *With reports from Jhunnex Napallacan and Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau; Julie Alipala, Grace Albasin, Anthony Allada, Aquiles Zonio, Judy Quiros and Ferdinand Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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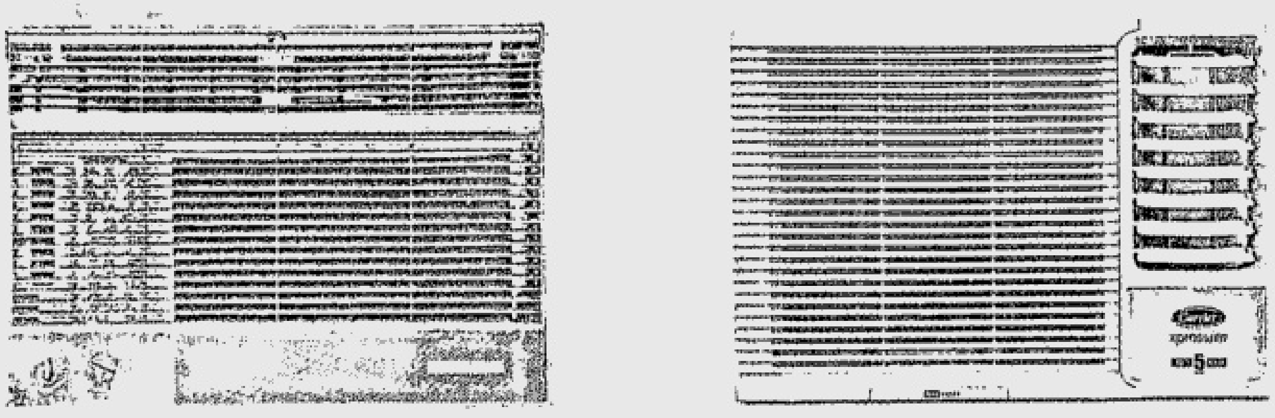

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With Gloria away, Noli is in charge

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO yesterday expressed confidence Vice President Noli de Castro would do a good job of running the country while she is away.

In a televised appearance on the eve of her departure for the United States, Ms Arroyo said she would leave the government in the "good hands" of De Castro.

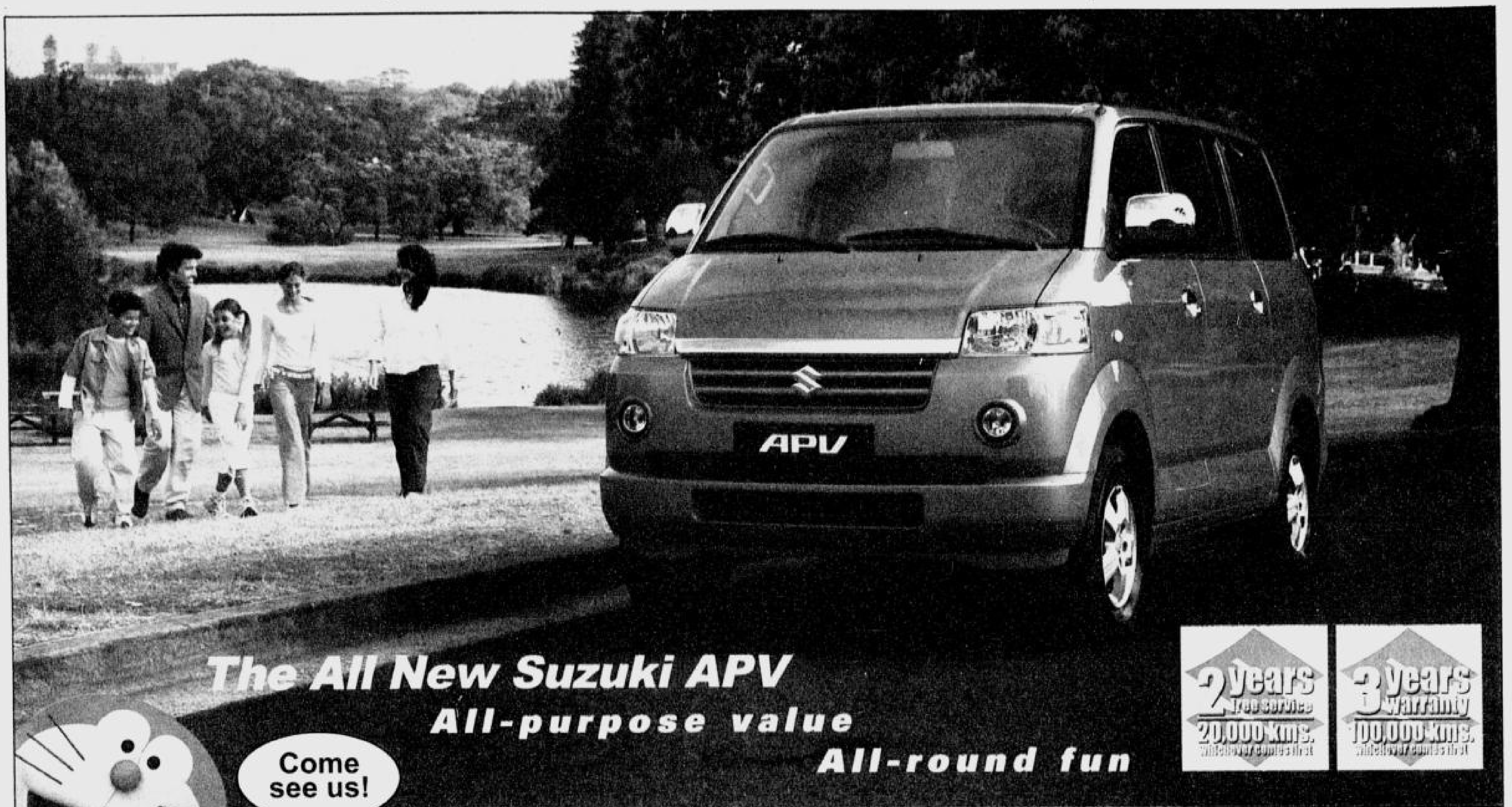
"*Buo ang loob ko na magiging maayos ang takbo sa ilalim ni Bise Presidente* Noli de Castro (I am confident everything will run smoothly under Vice President Noli de Castro)," she said.

The President is set to leave tonight on a commercial flight to attend several meetings at the United Nations, the highlight of which will be the Security Council meeting on Sept.14 over which she will preside. She will be back in Manila on Sept. 17.

"*Maglalakbay ako sa* United Nations *dala ng mandato ng sambayanan* (I will travel to the United Nations carrying the mandate of the people)," the President said in the statement she read on government television.

In New York, the President will meet with world leaders to discuss, among other things, the global fight against terror and the Philippine bid for lasting peace in Mindanao.

Ms Arroyo is also expected to meet with 40 leaders of top US companies like Ford Motor Company and Dell. She will also attend the Investors' Forum, where she would have the chance to meet with fund managers and market analysts. *Christine O. Avendaño*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Pacquiao lifts RP spirits

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The Filipino rallied and dominated the next three rounds, delivering punishing hooks to Velazquez's ribs. The southpaw Pacquiao staggered Velazquez late in the fifth round with a left to the face that brought the crowd, filled with Pacquiao's Filipino fans, to its feet.

Ahead in scores

Pacquiao won the last three rounds on all three judges' scorecards. When the fight was stopped, he was ahead 49-46, 48-47 and 49-46.

Pacquiao improved to 40-3-2 (win-loss-draw) with 31 knockouts. Velazquez, 30, of Tijuana, Mexico, dropped to 42-11-2 with 31 knockouts. Both fighters weighed 130-lb (58.5 kg).

The fight was for the WBC International super featherweight championship, the same title that was at stake when Morales decisioned Pacquiao in March.

Morales gave up the belt to seek the WBC International lightweight title against Raheem.

The International title is disputed by fighters outside the WBC's top 10 ratings. Boxing observers say the WBC holds International championship bouts so it can earn "sanction" fees.

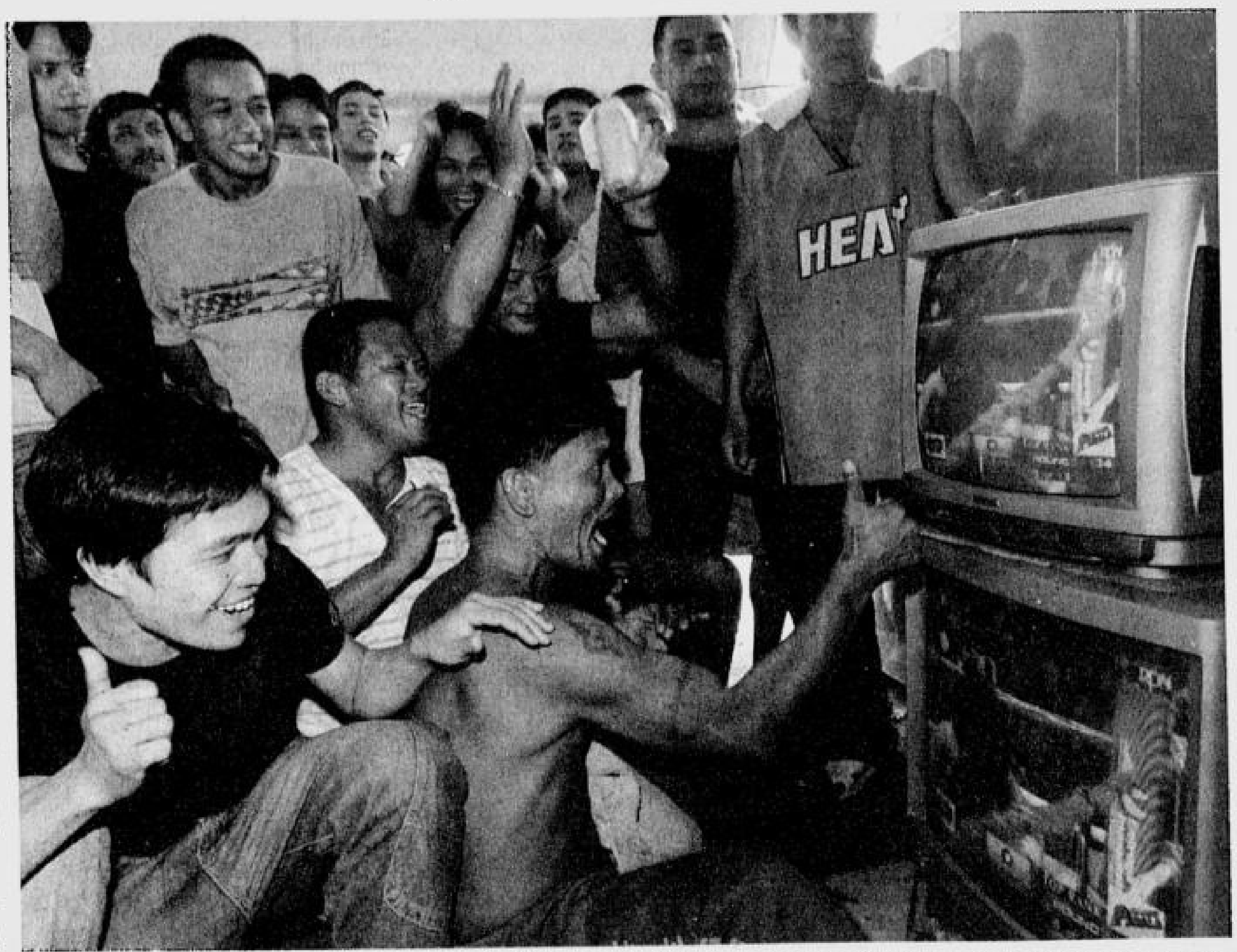
Real McCoy

However, the title that Viloria picked up at Ortiz's expense was the real McCoy.

Viloria climbed the ring waving the Philippine flag and wearing gold and green trunks with the RP tricolor stitched to its left front. His handlers draped him with the flag after the win.

Viloria and Ortiz had a few brief exchanges early in the first round, but neither was especially aggressive and both looked to be settling in for a long fight.

But the 24-year-old Viloria connected with a pair of overhand rights to Ortiz's jaw that floored the Mexican in the final second. Ortiz did not get up until well after the bell.



FILIPINO fans of Manny Pacquiao rejoice after their idol defeated Hector Velazquez of Mexico in a match televised from Los Angeles. RYAN LIM

"*Mabuhay ang Pilipinas. Mahal na mahal ko ang* Philippines. Aloha, Hawaii," said Viloria as he talked about his victory on television.

Although he represented the United States in the 2000 Olympics, Viloria, who grew up in Waipahu, Hawaii, declared in a recent interview that he remained 100-percent Filipino and would fight from hereon as a Filipino.

Now unbeaten in 18 fights with 12 KOs, Viloria said he did not expect the easy win, noting that it was rare for a championship to be decided in the first round and that Ortiz was no pushover.

Power of fists

But the awesome power of his fists was expected.

In his last fight in May, Viloria forced Ruben Contreras to quit in the sixth round and his 32-year-old foe from Caudal Juarez, Mexico, had a seizure soon after. He needed surgery to stop a hemorrhage around his brain.

Contreras was in a coma but has made significant progress. Accepting Viloria's invitation, he attended Saturday's fight and was at ringside, giving him a thumbs-up.

"I dedicate this fight to Ruben Contreras," Viloria said.

Ortiz dropped to 24-5-1 with 16 KOs.

With reports from AP and Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor

Hero's welcome in Narvacan, General Santos

THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF GENERAL SANTOS is preparing another hero's welcome for Manny Pacquiao, who stopped Mexican Hector Velazquez by technical knockout in the sixth round of a 12-round super featherweight bout in Los Angeles.

Rey Golingan, chair of the amateur boxing group in General Santos, said Pacquiao's victory and the wins of Filipino-American boxer Brian Viloria and Rey Bautista of Bohol were timely relief from the political squabbles plaguing the country.

For a while, at least, Filipinos forgot about politics, he said.

"The three ring fighters gave us a break from the drudgery of seemingly never-ending political bickering," Golingan said.

"Manny Pacquiao deserves another hero's welcome for lifting the spirits and morale of the Filipino people," he said.

If General Santos was rejoicing over Pacquiao's victory, the people of Narvacan town in Ilocos Sur had their own reason to cheer.

One of their own, Viloria, shared the spotlight when he snatched the World Boxing Council light-flyweight crown from Eric Ortiz of Mexico with a sensational first-round knockout, also at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Saturday (Sunday in Manila).

"We are very proud of Viloria. [His victory] is an honor and pride for Narvacan," Mayor Edgardo Zaragoza told the INQUIRER.

Viloria was born in Hawaii, but his parents brought him to Narvacan when he was 6 months old.

Viloria returned to Hawaii with his parents when he turned 5.

His father Benjamin is a native of Barangay San Jose in Narvacan, while his mother Rosemarie hails from Santa Maria town.

Zaragoza said a resolution recognizing Viloria's achievements would be passed by the municipal council this week.

A similar resolution to be sponsored by Zaragoza's son, Board Member Zuriel Zaragoza, will be filed before the provincial board on Tuesday.

The mayor said Viloria was the first world boxing champion from Narvacan. *Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau, and Leoncio Balbin Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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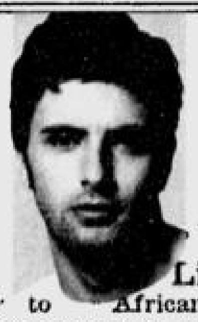

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RP, US officials recall 9/11 victims in Manila Bay rites

By Nikko Dizon

FILIPINO AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS tossed flowers into Manila Bay yesterday to remember the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States and renew their pledge to fight terrorism.

At ceremonies led by Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Rafael Seguis, Manila Mayor Lito Atienza and US Charge d'Affaires Darryl Johnson, several Filipino officials and US Embassy staffers offered prayers for the victims of the attacks four years ago.

"On this day, we add our promise to all peace-loving nations and peoples, never to forget the lessons, and never to falter in the fight," Seguis said. "The terrorists did not count on the courage, the bravery and the indomitability of those they thought they could intimidate and threaten." *(See story in The World, Page A9)*

Atienza urged the public to do its share in helping prevent terrorism in their communities and appealed for cooperation with the local police and the city government.

"Sept. 11 is not about America or any other one country. It is about all of us, the threat that we all face, but more importantly about the humanity that all of us share in common," Johnson said in his brief speech. "In the end, sooner or later, it is that shared humanity that will triumph over terrorism."

The program was marked by the poignant ringing of a bell. The officials then threw white roses into Manila Bay in commemoration of the victims of terrorism.

Aside from the victims of the 9/11 attacks, Johnson also took time to remember the victims of terrorism in the Philippines, particularly those of the SuperFerry bombing and the Valentine's Day attack in February.

"The fact that all of us are threatened by terrorism actually points to something very positive. It helps us to realize how much we have in common, how connected we are to each other," Johnson said. *With AFP*

Pinoys warned against seeking jobs in Macau

MACAU MAY BE A PARADISE FOR tourists, but not for jobseekers.

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas warned Filipinos planning to go to Macau as tourists with the intention of looking for jobs not to be enticed by disreputable recruiters or agencies. They could end up as sex workers, she said.

Sto. Tomas cited a report by Macau-based labor attaché Carlos Sta. Ana, who said more Filipinos were arriving there as tourists and were finding it difficult to find jobs in the Chinese peninsula.

According to Sta. Ana's report, tourists are allowed to stay in Macau 30 days. During this time, they become vulnerable to people offering to look for jobs for them in exchange for money. But the jobs seldom materialize.

Sta. Ana said those who run out of money are forced to sell their passports and unused return tickets to overstaying Filipinos.

Some resort to theft or the sex trade, while others go to mainland China to get a 37-day visa extension and look for jobs there, he said.

Sto. Tomas explained that despite the booming economy of Macau, Filipinos would have a hard time finding jobs there because the Chinese prefer to hire workers from the mainland.

"It is very risky for tourists to look for employment in Macau since they can easily be eased out by mainlanders," she said in a statement.

Filipinos who want to work in Macau should also verify the existence of the job offers with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, she said.

Macau is a former Portuguese colony that became the Macau Special Administrative Region of China in 1999. China's socialist economic system is not practiced there, but the "one country, two systems" policy. It is an open economy and is enjoying rapid growth with the expansion of its tourism industry.

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When Jesus had finished teaching to the people, he went to Capernaum.

There was a captain whose servant was very sick and near to death, a man very dear to him. So when he heard about Jesus, he sent some elders of the Jews to persuade him to come and save his servant's life. The elders came to Jesus and begged him earnestly, saying, "He deserves this of you, for he loves our people and even built a synagogue for us."

Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the captain sent friends to give this message, "Sir, do not trouble yourself for I am not worthy to welcome you under my roof. You see I didn't approach you myself. Just give the order and my servant will be healed. For I myself, a junior officer, give orders to my soldiers and I say to this one: 'Go,' and he goes; and to the other: 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant: 'Do this,' and he does it."

On hearing these words, Jesus was filled with admiration. He turned and said to the people with him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith." The people sent by the captain went back to his house; there they found that the servant was well.

Commentary

Jesus turns from preaching and goes to Capernaum (home for him on the road). A man in the Roman military hears of Jesus and sends the Jewish elders to him. Though he was a Roman in occupied territory he obviously had good relations with the community, even building their synagogue for them. His words are stunning: Sir, do not trouble yourself for I am not worthy to welcome you under my roof." Just give the order and it will be done. Jesus is stunned. Faith can be found anywhere (even among enemies of the people) and he praises him and responds to his request. These are our words before receiving Eucharist. We use them for ourselves (not on behalf of another in need). Do we wait with this kind of attention for Jesus' order? Has Jesus ever had good reason to be stunned by the depth and expression of our faith in him?

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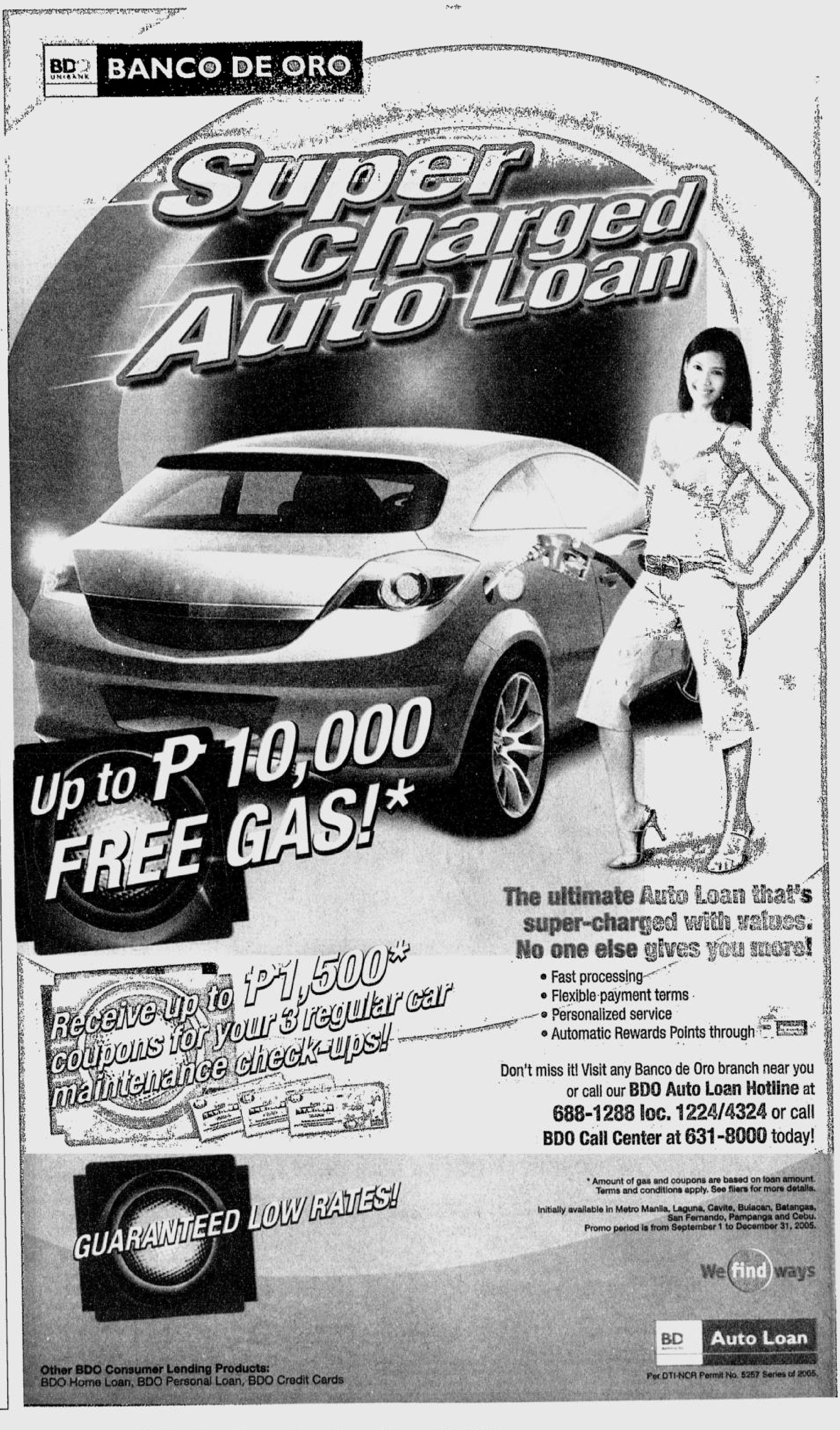
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Solons tell bishops: Respect House vote

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Macapagal-Arroyo.

Representatives Marcelino Libanan of Eastern Samar and Salacnib Baterina of Ilocos Sur issued the call after some members of the influential Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines expressed resentment over the Sept. 6 vote in the House squelching the move to unseat Ms Arroyo.

"*Vox populi, vox dei*, the voice of the people is the voice of God," Libanan said in a statement. "The representatives of our people have spoken and their decision was to uphold the justice committee. We urge our Church leaders to respect this, coming as it did from a free, fair and collective decision of the House majority, whose members are elected representatives of our people."

"This is now part of history. Let us respect the will of the majority of the representatives of our people," Baterina said.

Libanan and Baterina are vice chairs of the justice committee which recommended the squelching of the impeachment complaints. The House in plenary adopted the committee recommendation.

The CBCP's permanent council is to meet in Manila beginning tomorrow amid a reported split in the powerful Roman Catholic hierarchy. The 12-member council is the policy-making body of the 119-strong CBCP when it is not in plenary session.

The INQUIRER has learned that a CBCP faction is moving for the formulation of a more definitive Church stand on the "political impasse" in the country.

A Church source said the group would most likely issue an analysis of the political situation and present this to the council.

"This group appears to be not receptive to the seemingly static nature of the July CBCP statement," the source said.

He said the group was convinced that the current CBCP stand needed a clearer response to the most serious political crisis to hit the 4-year-old Arroyo administration.

In the July statement, the CBCP presented an all-encompassing response to the political scandal, shunning demands to oust Ms Arroyo while saying these were not against the Gospel.

Split in CBCP

The source did not identify bishops sympathetic to the faction, saying its existence was "bad for the CBCP." He said there was a perception that the current CBCP leadership was biased. "This means that there really is a split in the ranks as far as the sociopolitical situation is concerned."

Davao Archbishop Fernando Capalla, the outgoing CBCP president, has been criticized by his peers for his alleged laidback attitude toward the political situation. They see this as a result of his supposed closeness to Ms Arroyo.

In a previous interview, Capalla said this perception might have been born out of his conviction to open communication lines both with the administration and the opposition and start a dialogue.

Last week, he said a shift from the July 10 CBCP statement won't happen "in my lifetime," despite the outrage caused by administration congressmen's decision to junk the impeachment. This position did not sit well with a faction of the CBCP, the source said.

Bacolod Bishop Vicente Navarra, who led an anti-Arroyo rally in his diocese more than a month ago, on Saturday confirmed reports that some 20 to 30 bishops were to attend a "special meeting" today to reassess the CBCP position.

In a text message, Capalla yesterday said "bishops do regularly meet outside of the permanent council meetings and the plenary assemblies."

He said "it will be one of those ordinary regular meetings, not an official meeting specially commissioned either by the conference of by the permanent council."

"And certainly, it will not have the color of partisan politics as some people would like to think," he said.

In his statement, Baterina said he was hopeful that the CBCP would reaffirm its position in July for the people "not to let themselves be used in partisan politics, to uphold the rule of law and seek enlightenment on key issues like the resignation calls from the opposition."

He noted that Ms Arroyo had since submitted herself to the constitutional process and initiated drastic reforms to improve governance.

"As we recall, the CBCP in their prayerfully discerned collective decision did not demand the President's resignation, neither did it encourage her simply to dismiss such a call from others. The CBCP had also emphasized that the filing of an impeachment case was not against the Gospel," said Baterina.

President heeded bishops

Baterina said Ms Arroyo heeded the CBCP's position by submitting herself to the constitutional process and by even reaching out to her detractors in the spirit of unity and reconciliation, "despite the hardline stance and black propaganda attacks of these personalities."

He urged Church leaders to consider the decision of the overwhelming majority of House members who dismissed the impeachment complaints against the President on the basis of the outcome of the justice panel's hearings and their own consultations with their constituents.

House Minority Leader Francis Escudero, interviewed in Tacloban City yesterday, expressed hope the CBCP would change its stand and would eventually join the clamor for the President to resign.

"We cannot really deny the fact that the CBCP's support is very material. We just hope that they will change on their previous position and join us in calling for the President to resign," Escudero said.

On Saturday, Archbishop Paciano Aniceto of Pampanga said the Church "would not be intimidated."

"The mission of the Church is to lead the people to be in unity with God," the 61-year-old prelate told 3,000 lay leaders in the City of San Fernando. Bishops, he said, would continue to speak on the moral aspects of social, political, economic and cultural issues because "truth is what the Church stands for."

In his 30-minute homily, he made no reference either to Ms Arroyo or Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago who last week urged priests not to meddle in political issues.

A part of his homily dwelt on how the Archdiocese of San Fernando spent the donations from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. "These all went to the poor," he said, denying reports he was one of the biggest recipients of gambling money.

He said the archdiocese had not accepted any Pagcor donations since 2004 when the CBCP banned the practice of taking money from illegal or legal gambling operations.

"The policy stands. We stand by that," Aniceto said.

He also clarified a statement he gave to the INQUIRER on Sept. 3 through his spokesperson. The "little envelopes" he mentioned actually referred to one containing a cash donation left by Pagcor on the desk of Bishop Chito Tagle of Imus, Cavite, not at the end of the CBCP retreat, Aniceto said.

"There was miscommunication," he said. *With reports from Jhunnex Napallacan, Carla Gomez, Nestor Burgos and Joey Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau; Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk, and Mei Magsino, PDI Soutehrn Luzon Bureau*

House vote shows Manila, rural opinion gap

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her legitimacy remains under a cloud.

Ms Arroyo divided her opponents, but the way it was done—albeit through majority rule—left so much rancor that there are serious doubts whether she could govern effectively in the medium term. She has won the vote although her credibility and that of the impeachment process have been badly damaged.

The table (PDI/Sept. 8, 2005) of how the House voted shows that:

- Lakas is still the dominant and the largest bloc in the House majority. It deployed its numbers to power the dismissal "yes" vote, except for four who failed to vote, two abstentions, and four who voted "no."
- Twenty-two from the Liberal Party voted "yes," while 12 voted "no," despite the fact that the party led by Senate President Franklin Drilon had called for the President's resignation and supported the move to impeach, if she did not step down.
- As fractured as the LP is the Nationalist People's Coalition, identified with business tycoon Eduardo Cojuangco, a key partner in the Lakas-led majority coalition. Twenty-four NPC members voted "yes," six voted "no," and 12 failed to vote.
- Kampi delivered 28 "yes" votes, although two abstained.
- Six Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP) members of Sen. Edgardo Angara voted "no," while two failed to vote.
- Six from the Nacionalista Party of Sen. Manuel Villar voted no. The party list was split with more voting "no" (15) than "yes" (nine). The Partido ng Demokratikong Pilipino (PDP) delivered its single vote, that of Rep. Teodoro Locsin Jr., to the "no" camp.

No decisive patronage flow

Patronage and concessions extended by Ms Arroyo were reported to have consolidated the "yes" votes for her and allowed the Lakas leadership to hold the coalition with the NPC from breaking ranks. This assumption has to be examined.

If it is true that patronage was mainly responsible for Lakas to maintain its solid ranks and keep its coalition partners, the decisive patronage flow did not take place during the few days following the decision of the House committee on justice to dismiss the three complaints.

A survey made by the INQUIRER on Sept. 5, before the crucial Sept. 6 House vote, revealed no great shift in those two days and indicated that the members of Congress had made up their minds weeks before the vote—probably as early as the last week of July.

The survey, published on Sept. 6, shows that 132 supported Ms Arroyo, 49 backed impeachment, 13 wanted her to resign but didn't sign the impeachment complaint, and two had withdrawn their signatures. There was no big shift between Sept. 5 and Sept. 6.

Battle cry

By Sept. 5, the issues of impeachment had crystallized. From July 25, when the President delivered her State of the Nation Address, the movement demanding her to step down had begun to falter, although the movement had saturated the media with disclosures of damning charges of alleged cheating of the 2004 election by the President.

These disclosures were in addition to claims based on the Garcillano tapes of the alleged presidential intervention in the election count and to other derogatory information revealed by members of the Cabinet who deserted Ms Arroyo on July 8.

The battle cry of the movement calling for resignation was the President "had to go," a conclusion reached by its organizers on the basis of the disclosures from the tapes and other charges cited in the impeachment complaints, including corruption of the presidential family accused of receiving payoffs from "jueteng."

Having poured all their venom in the vessels of a free press, regime opponents failed to win sufficient congressional support for the impeachment complaints and street support for their slogan "the President must go."

Rural areas unaware

Lawmakers explained Tuesday that they had consulted their constituents about how they would vote on that day. It cannot be dismissed out of hand that the local and provincial constituencies were not aware of the issues of the resignation and impeachment campaign—given that the issues were given wide publicity.

The claim by lawmakers that they were guided by the opinion and mood of their constituents can't be discounted. No set of elected national officials is more in touch with the mood of the local electorate and has a more sensitive antennae of local opinion than lawmakers.

In a representative democracy, congressmen are the people's representative in Congress more than the senators who are elected nationwide and who have no grassroots political base.

As sensitive sensors of rural opinion, lawmakers listen to their constituents and their own perception of the issues against the President—not the perceptions of the boisterous and rambunctious rabble in Metro Manila that has demanded the summary dismissal of the president through people power.

If the rural electorate does not accept the conclusions of the moral absolutists, including the politically meddlesome clerics and the sanctimonious NGO types, then we must have to ask if the Manila-based opinion has made a good case of its advocacy.

Sense of survival

Lawmakers have a strong sense of political survival. If they sense that their constituents support the quashing of the impeachment complaints, then it's not hard to believe that they reflect the rural mood that cannot be ignored by the unelected rabble-rousers in Metro Manila who have appointed themselves the guardian of the nation's conscience.

If lawmakers sense that the rural mood coincides with that of urban Manila, then they would not dare go against the rural opinion if it has made a conjunction with Metro Manila opinion. Going against that current would put their reelection in 2007 in jeopardy.

It is, therefore, possible to argue that the overwhelming House vote cannot be explained by patronage distribution alone. It reflects the wide gap of Metro Manila opinion and that of rural Philippines on the issues over the President's dismissal.

This is why the call for "people power" has not caught fire. These are the two Philippines that emerged from the House vote.

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Adan tells doubting officers: You don't know me

By Luige A. del Puerto

THE CONTROVERSY ATTENDING President Macapagal-Arroyo's appointment of Lt. Gen. Edilberto Adan as officer in charge of the Southern Command refuses to die.

Adan yesterday said officers questioning his ability to head Southcom "simply don't know me."

As professional soldiers, Adan said he expected the doubting officers to respect and defer to the judgment of their superiors.

"They probably don't know me. I ask them to look into my military background," Adan said. "Probably, they had not stayed in Mindanao long enough."

Adan said he had spent a good 12 years of his military career in the Southern Philippines, where he held different posts.

He said he was commander of the brigade that neutralized a notorious criminal, then public enemy number one, in Zamboanga del Sur in 1999.

His experiences, he said, made him more than prepared to head Southcom.

"These had prepared me even for strategic leadership. I have enough experience to lead bigger units," he said in response to criticism he had never led a division.

President Macapagal-Arroyo on Friday named Adan, the Armed Forces of the Philippines deputy chief of staff, OIC of Southcom, a coveted post because it controls 50 percent of the AFP's resources. She had picked him over Maj. Gen. Samuel Bagasin, the 4th Infantry Division commander who was the Board of Generals' choice.

The President was torn between following the BOG's recommendation or naming Maj. Gen. Gabriel Habacon, one of the officers mentioned in the "Hello Garci" wiretaps alleging election cheating in 2004, who had lobbied for the post, according to military sources.

Some military officers, claiming their views were shared by many, said Adan's appointment over Bagasin was a mistake.

One officer in a sensitive post told the INQUIRER the appointment had "not done good in uniting the military."

"So far the AFP has remained united and neutral (in the current political crisis). But (Adan's) appointment might polarize the AFP ranks, and other sectors that are critical of administration might take advantage of it," he said.

The source said he had yet to talk to an officer who favored the appointment. "Everybody I talked to had questioned it," he said.

A captain said he and his colleagues had discussed Adan's appointment in informal gatherings.

"Everyone is frustrated and agitated," he told the INQUIRER in a text message.

But Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Generoso Senga said yesterday Adan's appointment should not be controversial at all.

"Why is it controversial? It shouldn't be," he told reporters.

Senga said the decision belonged to the commander in chief, President Arroyo, alone.

The BOG is merely a recommendatory body. The President could accept or reject whoever it recommends for a particular post, he said.

The President may be looking at things from "a higher plane," Senga said. She knows things other government officials, like military officers, may not be aware of, he added.

Aside from Adan and Bagasin, other officers considered were Lt. Gen. Alan Cabalquinto of the National Capital Region Command and Lt. Gen. Pedro Cabuay of the Southern Luzon Command.

Parañaque City Rep. Roilo Golez, former chair of the House defense committee, yesterday said Adan was appointed Southcom OIC to ensure the AFP's most powerful regional command remained loyal to the administration. *With Philip C. Tubeza*

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Police general named university head

By Nash B. Maulana
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COTABATO CITY—MALACAÑANG has appointed retiring Police Deputy Director Gen. Ricardo de Leon president of Mindanao State University (MSU).

This was confirmed on Saturday by National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales, who said De Leon's appointment was prompted by the need "to clean the mess" generated by the conflict among the top contenders for the post.

De Leon, who retires today, has yet to receive his orders to assume the MSU presidency vice Dr. Camar Umpa, whose term expired on Sept. 1.

Umpa's term was extended on holdover capacity until President Macapagal-Arroyo had named a successor.

But the appointment of De Leon, who holds a doctorate degree in police and security administration, has been opposed by the university's alumni and career employees and faculty members.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. cautioned the President against making another "unpopular appointment" like handing over the presidency of the MSU system to a "military man."

"As long as there are qualified civilians from the local community or elsewhere, appointing a military man would raise a lot of questions," Pimentel said.

The senator noted that De Leon was not even nominated by the Malacañang search committee, which screened some 40 aspirants, mostly MSU alumni.

The search committee reportedly submitted five names with their corresponding performance ratings in panel interviews, academic credentials and work experience.

They included Dr. Macapado Muslim, who got 94.6 percent; Dr. Nasroden Guro, 87 percent; Dr. Otinggue Masnar, 84.5 percent; Dr. Datumanong Sarangani, 84 percent, and Justice Undersecretary Macabangkit Lanto, 80 percent.

Gonzales said De Leon was also considered because he could rid the campus of "warlords."

But lawyer Tocod Macaraya Jr., an MSU alumnus, said Gonzales' claim about "warlords" was untrue.

Macaraya said he had spent most of his time working for the university and he had yet to see warlords meddling in academic affairs as Gonzales claimed.

Ansaruddin Adiong, vice governor-elect of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), called on Maranao Muslim leaders who were close to Gonzales to get him to block the plan to appoint a non-MSU alumni and a nonresident of Mindanao to head the country's second largest government university system.

Gonzales said De Leon's appointment came as a result of democratic consultations with local Muslims.

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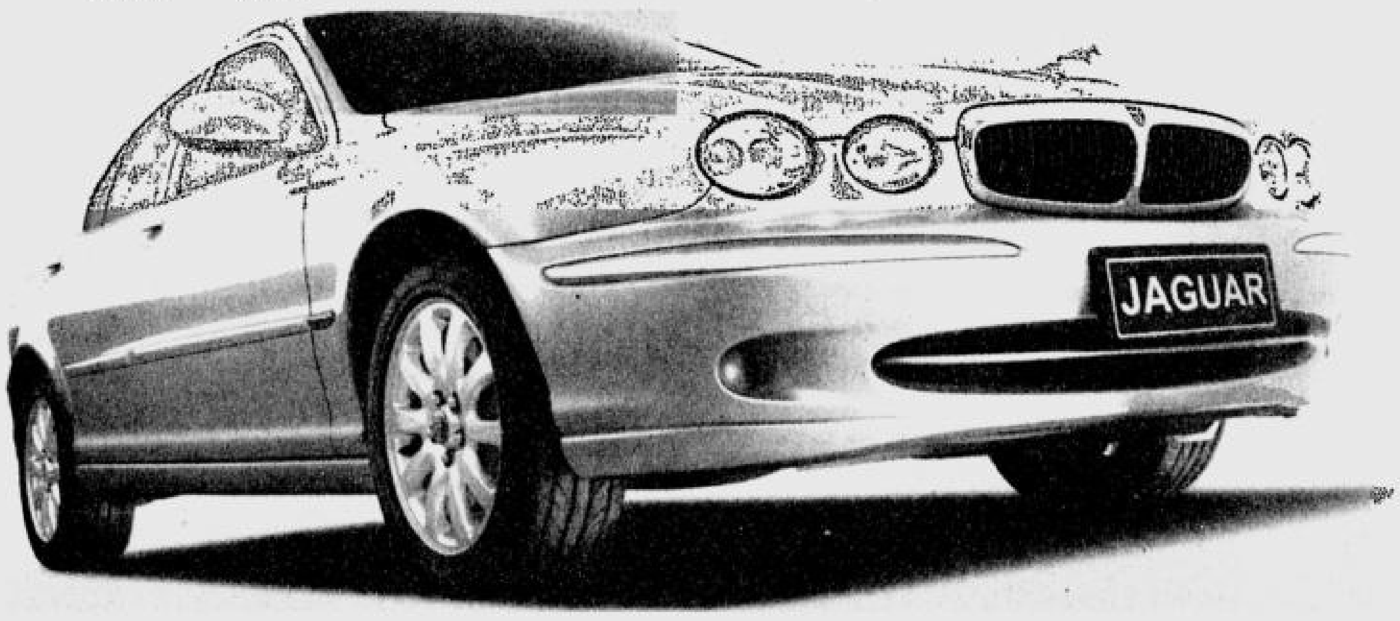

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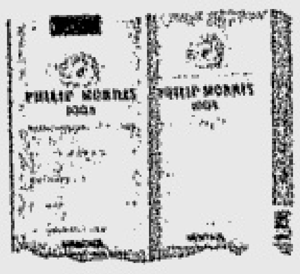

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and doing more to save Contemplacion from the gallows.

Limbs in a sports bag

Details of the La Puebla murder, which police said occurred Wednesday, and possible motives were not mentioned during Aguilar's half-hour court appearance.

La Puebla's head and limbs were found stashed inside a sports bag behind a metro station at Orchard Road, Singapore's main shopping district, on Friday.

Aguilar was arrested just 12 hours later at her employer's home, where a cleaver was seized.

The torso of a woman dressed only in undergarments was found at MacRitchie Reservoir, a heavily wooded park several kilometers from the spot where the first grisly discovery was made by a street cleaner.

More tests

Police said they were still carrying out tests to determine if the torso was La Puebla's.

Magistrate Carolyn Woo ordered Aguilar remanded in the city-state's central police lock-up for a week without access to counsel, so that the prosecution could carry out further investigations.

Aguilar, clad in a bright yellow T-shirt and blue sweater, looked exhausted throughout the court proceedings.

She shed tears occasionally, sniffling loudly as the interpreter repeated to her in Filipino what court officials were reading out in English.

Won't enter a plea

Another court hearing is to be held on Sept. 16 at 8:45 a.m., DFA spokesperson Gilberto Asuque said in a phone interview.

Aguilar "is not expected to enter a plea," Asuque said, quoting a report from the Philippine Embassy.

Administrator Marianito Roque of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration said Aguilar entered Singapore on a worker's visa but that the victim did not have a visa, based on their records.

The Philippines' labor attaché in Singapore, Miriam Cuasay, is providing assistance to the suspect, Roque added. A Filipino legal counsel, Consul Maria Lumen Isleta, has also been assigned to her case.

"We have to recognize that this is a criminal case and we have to observe the criminal procedure followed in Singapore," Asuque said.

Jail visits

"We will give the necessary assistance to the accused. Certainly, we are making legal representations for the accused," he said.

In a statement released by the DFA, Philippine Ambassador to Singapore Belen Anota said the embassy would ensure that a lawyer was present at the hearings "to oversee the proceedings for both the deceased and the suspect."

Consul Isleta and Owwa officer Christabel de Leon will visit Aguilar at the detention center after having been granted permission by authorities, Anota said.

She said the embassy would also coordinate with La Puebla's employer for the payment of her outstanding salaries and benefits, as well as the repatriation of her remains upon completion of the investigation and court proceedings.

Fingerprints

Anota added that the postmortem on the body would continue until today "as required by coroners and to complete other tests."

La Puebla was identified from the fingerprints taken from the corpse, Anota said.

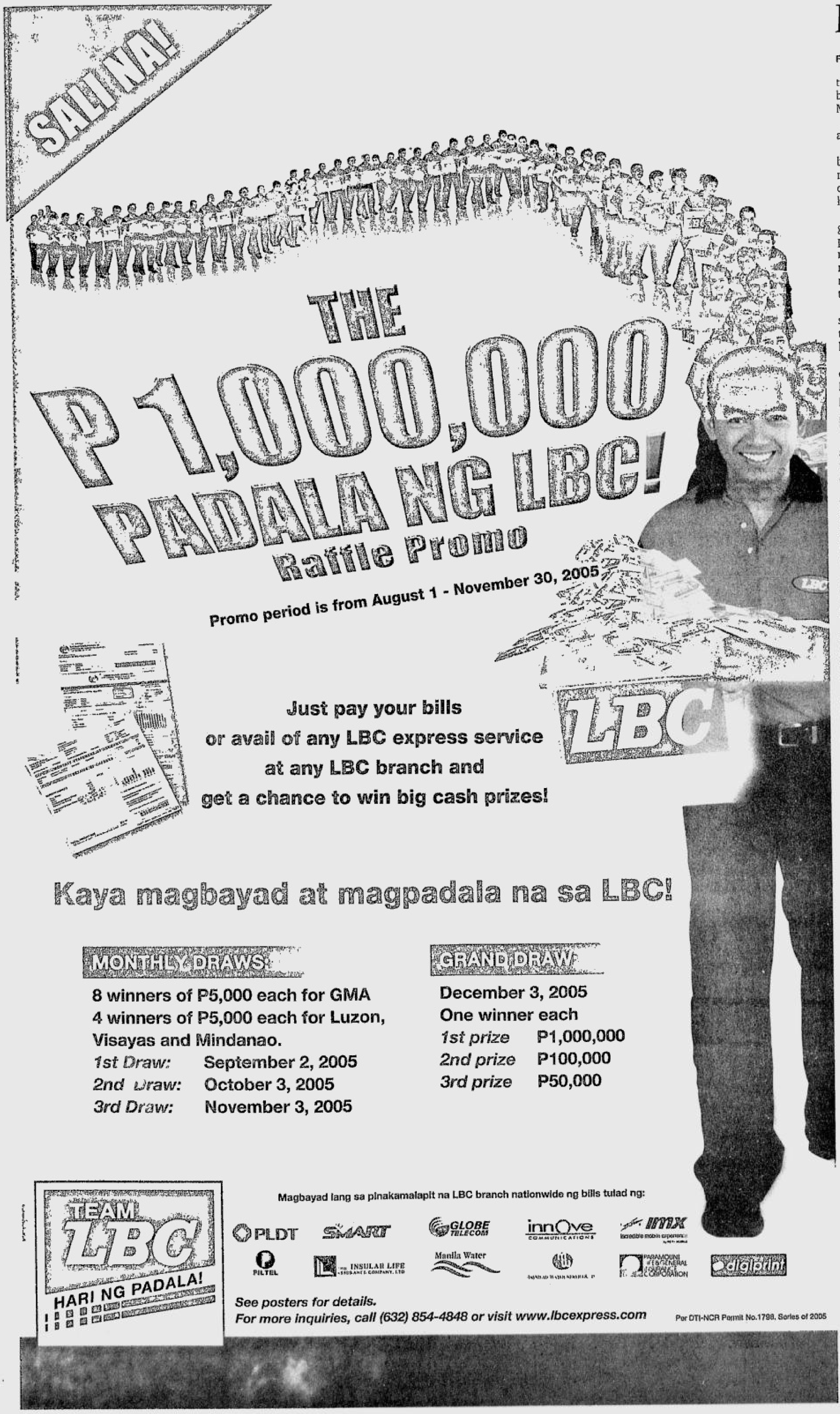
She may have gone to work abroad without passing through proper government channels in the Philippines.

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said her department did not appear to have any record of La Puebla. "It seems she didn't pass through us," she told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

As for Aguilar, Sto. Tomas said the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration had a record of the maid's departure for Singapore, but the secretary said she did not have the details.

Asuque said the Singaporean police were continuing their investigation into the case.

The next of kin of both La Puebla and Aguilar had already been notified by the government, he said. *Reports from AFP, Nikko Dizon and Leila B. Salaverria*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Marcos...

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the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos to be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Makati City.

That's what a national group of Marcos loyalists is hoping.

Packed in at least six boxes, the documents bearing the signatures were presented to former first lady Imelda Marcos during the late dictator's 88th birth anniversary celebration here on Sunday.

At the provincial capitol where the program was held, Artemio Lachica, national president of Friends of Imelda Romualdez-Marcos, went up the stage and announced that the group had completed its signature campaign for the strongman's burial at the Libingan.

Lachica said the loyalists would bring the signatures to Ms Arroyo and ask her to respect their wish to have Marcos buried at the heroes' cemetery.

"We urge the President to respect the voice of the people. We ask her to do what is right. Marcos has long been denied his right to a place at the Libingan," Lachica said.

Divided

Despite the number of signatures gathered, some Ilocanos disagreed with the plan to transfer Marcos' remains from the family's compound in Batac to Makati.

"We want Marcos' body to remain in Batac. Why do they insist on taking him to Metro Manila where he is unwanted? If he remains here, more Ilocanos would be able to visit him and remember him," Elma Tabay, a resident of Pagudpud town, said.

Tabay has never missed the "Marcos Day" celebrations since 1998 when the Marcoses made the late dictator's birthday a yearly affair among Ilocanos.

Tabay said Ilocanos were divided over having Marcos buried at the Libingan, knowing the resentment of groups that have been constantly criticizing Marcos for his alleged human rights violations and ill-gotten wealth.

"If they do not want the President there, we would rather have him here so he can have true peace. What's the purpose of giving him a hero's burial when the rest of the country does not agree with it?" Tabay asked.

Imelda Marcos accepted the signatures but she said she was leaving to Ms Arroyo the decision to bury the late dictator at the Libingan.

"This is the voice of the majority. It just shows that the greater number of Filipinos are crying that eternal rest be given to Marcos," she said.

All about timing

Asked whether she would pursue Marcos' burial on Sept. 28, her husband's 16th death anniversary, Imelda said: "It is all about timing. (Like what Shakespeare said,) 'Life is like a stage. You should know when to come in or out.'"

"[But] if it will make matters worst, better not. We can wait," she said.

Imelda, however, reminded the administration that Ms Arroyo's approval of Marcos' burial at the Libingan could be a means to unify the nation.

"This is a unification effort. There are thousands of [Marcos] loyalists nationwide. It is good for the government to get more support. The decision must be good for all," she said.

In her speech, Imelda did not hide her disappointment over her eldest daughter Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos' failure to appear at her father's birthday celebration.

Imee hurting

"I know that Imee is hurting. But I am more in pain ... because of what she did for her country," she said, referring to Imee's absence during the plenary vote on the impeachment complaints against Ms Arroyo in the House of Representatives last week.

The Marcos widow urged members of the political opposition not to blame her daughter for not voting in favor of the impeachment complaints.

She said she begged her daughter not to vote "for the sake of unity and peace for the country."

"I reminded Imee of her father's principle that when she makes a decision, she must base it on what is good for the country, not on what is good for her alone or her party," Imelda said.

US remembers 9/11 under Katrina shadow

NEW YORK—THE UNITED States will pause Sunday (Monday in Manila) to remember the horror of the Sept. 11 attacks four years ago in ceremonies now overshadowed by the death and destruction wrought by Hurricane Katrina.

In a now-familiar ritual, the names of the 2,749 people who died when the twin towers of the World Trade Center collapsed under the impact of two hijacked airliners will be read out at the main memorial event at Ground Zero.

This year, however, the thoughts of many Americans will be focused on other victims: the estimated one million left homeless and the thousands feared killed by the hurricane which devastated the US Gulf Coast nearly two weeks ago.

Vulnerable superpower

Both tragedies served to highlight the vulnerability of the world superpower, but where Sept. 11 forged a sense of national unity out of trauma and anger, Katrina highlighted divisions of race and class and triggered accusations of government indifference.

In his weekly radio address on Saturday, President George W. Bush, under fire for the sluggish official response to Katrina, invoked the national spirit of post-Sept. 11 defiance and resilience in an effort to pull the country together in the hurricane's wake.

"Today, America is confronting another disaster that has caused destruction and loss of life. This time the devastation resulted not from the malice of evil men, but from the fury of water and wind," Bush said.

"America will overcome this ordeal, and we will be stronger for it," he said.

The administration is also trying to rally support with a Defense Department-sponsored "Freedom Walk" in Washington to honor US troops in Iraq, in what critics called a blatant piece of political propaganda by the Bush administration.

The part of the Pentagon where a third jet crashed on Sept. 11 was opened up to the public for the first time on Saturday.

Growing uncertainty

Even without Katrina, the new 9/11 anniversary falls at a time of growing uncertainty in the United States.

There is growing public concern with the cost, human and economic, of US involvement in Iraq. Opinion polls show many Americans feel no safer from the threat of another terrorist attack.

In a minor departure from previous anniversaries, Sunday's memorial at Ground Zero would also reflect on those who have been killed in militant attacks outside the United States over the past four years.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will attend the ceremony, together with New York Gov. George Pataki and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

The event will begin with a minute of silence at 8:46 a.m., the exact time when the first hijacked airplane struck the North Tower.

The names of those who died in the twin towers will be read out by their brothers and sisters.

During last year's ceremony, the roll call of the dead was given by the victims' parents and grandparents, while in 2003 the task had been given to their children.

The reading of the names will be interrupted for three more moments of silence: at 9:03 a.m. to mark the South Tower attack; at 9:59 a.m. for the collapse of the South Tower; and at 10:29 a.m. for the destruction of the North Tower.

Low key

Since the emotional intensity of the first Sept. 11 anniversary, subsequent annual memorials have aimed for a more low-key, personal tone and other events—once canceled or postponed—have crept back onto the calendar.

Three years ago, television networks devoted their programming to a day of remembrance. This Sunday they are offering live coverage of the start of the American football season, including the opening game of the New York Giants, and the season premiere of "The Simpsons."

Broadway shows will open as usual and the fashion industry will converge on Manhattan's Bryant Park for the third day of the annual Fashion Week.

The Ground Zero ceremony, meanwhile, has been tainted by controversy over the plans for a memorial museum at the site.

More than 500 relatives of the Sept. 11 victims rallied there on Saturday, protesting proposals for an International Freedom Center that will show exhibits on freedom struggles around the world.

The demonstrating victims' families, who held up photos of their loved ones and banners that read "Preserve Sacred Ground," say the center will shift the focus away from those who died in the twin towers.

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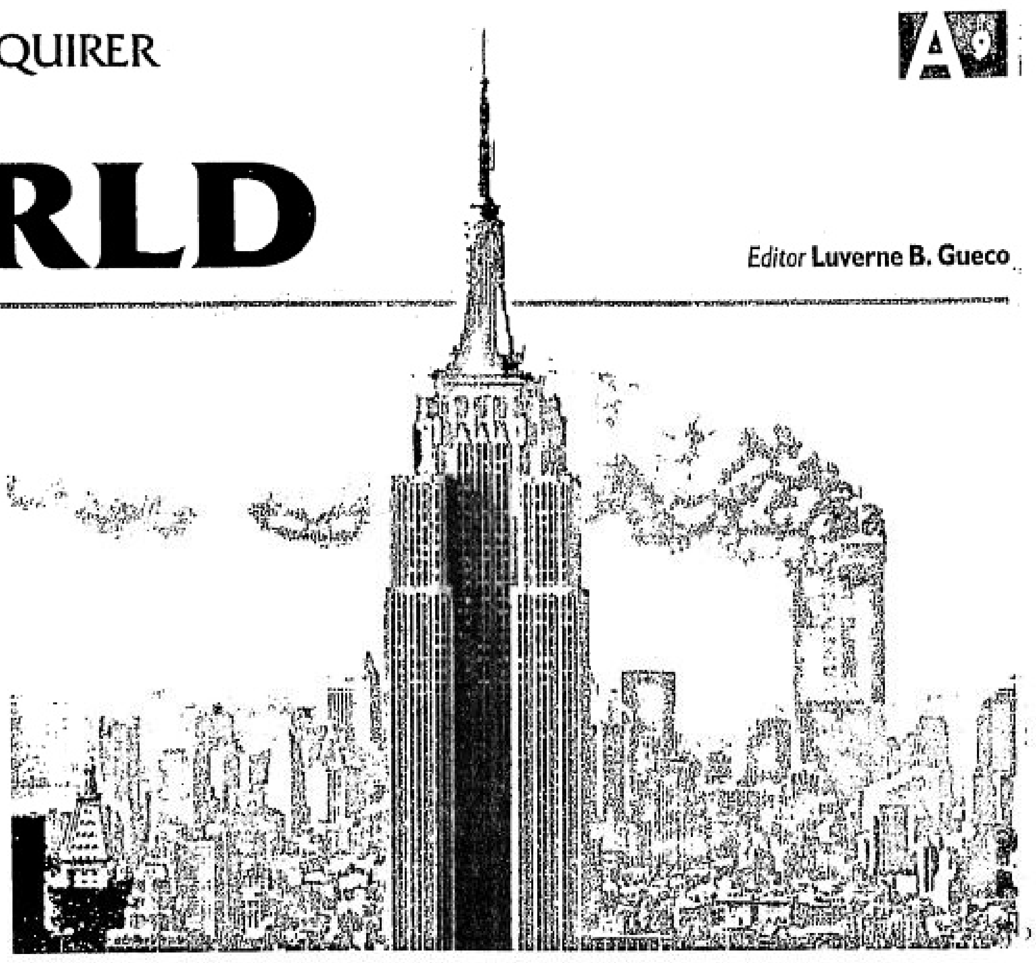

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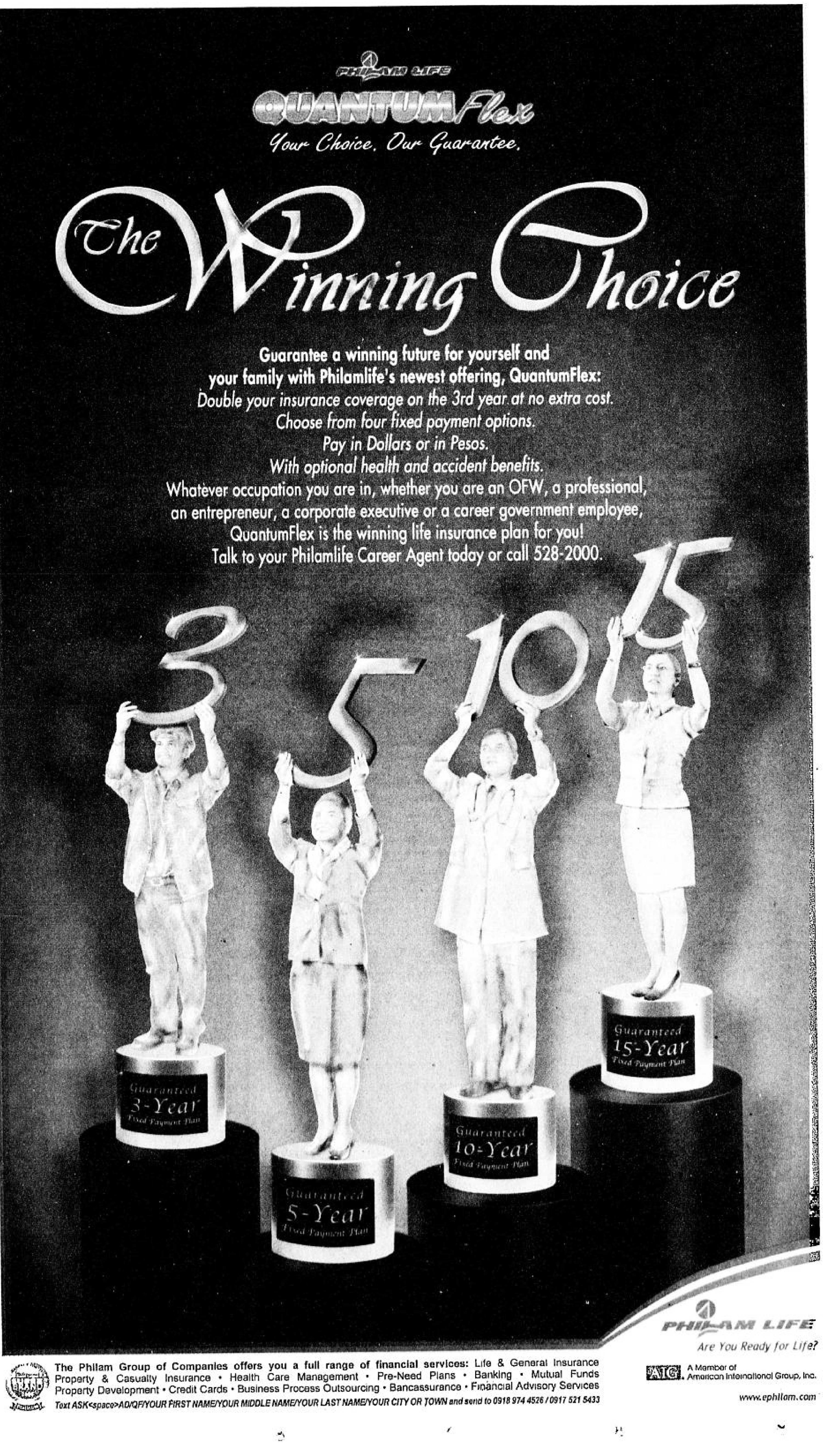

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Belfast rocked by worst rioting in years

BELFAST—PROTESTANT DEMONSTRATORS shot at police and pelted them with homemade bombs in Belfast on Saturday in some of the worst rioting seen in British-ruled Northern Ireland in recent years.

Trouble flared after a contentious parade by Orangemen near a nationalist neighborhood on the edge of west Belfast, and quickly spread to other parts of the city and outlying areas.

Heavily armed riot police deployed baton rounds and water cannon after they came under fire from automatic weapons and a rain of blast bombs, petrol bombs and bricks from angry mobs several hundred-strong on west Belfast's Springfield Road and near the flashpoint Short Strand in east Belfast.

Cars were hijacked and set alight across the city.

Police said six officers had been wounded by blast bomb impacts and several others hurt, but added the number of casualties was likely to rise significantly.

Two civilians were also injured, one of them with serious gunshot wounds.

"Police officers and soldiers have come under sustained attack—they have been attacked with missiles, petrol bombs, blast bombs, and pipe bombs. They have been shot at," Northern Ireland Chief Constable Hugh Orde said.

He laid the bulk of the blame for the disorder with the Orange Order, who organized the disputed parade.

"The Orange Order must bear substantial responsibility for this. They publicly called people on to the streets. I think if you do that you cannot then abdicate responsibility. That is simply not good enough," he said in a statement.

The Protestant Orangemen and their supporters had been angered by a decision earlier this week by Northern Ireland's independent Parades Commission to reroute their planned march away from a nationalist enclave on the Springfield Road because of objections from residents.

Trouble broke out as they approached the contested section of the march, which had been postponed from earlier in the year.

Every summer thousands of Orangemen, wearing colorful regalia and playing music, engage in "a marching season" to celebrate the 17th century defeat in battle of Catholic King James II by the Protestant William of Orange.

Most Catholics in the province regard the marches as an offensive display of triumphalism.

Earlier this week the Orange Order said the decision to reroute Saturday's march was the latest in a series of attempts to "erode Protestant culture" and deny Orangemen their rights, and called on followers to support the parade.

Tension has mounted recently in Protestant communities—which support Northern Ireland's links with Britain—on the view that the British government has moved too fast to reduce its security presence in the province without any concrete action by the Irish Republican Army (IRA) to disarm.

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US defense plans outline preemptive nuke arm strikes

WASHINGTON—A PENTAGON planning document being updated to reflect the doctrine of preemption declared by President George W. Bush in 2002 envisions the use of nuclear weapons to deter terrorists from using weapons of mass destruction against the United States or its allies.

The "Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Operations," which was last updated 10 years ago, makes clear that "the decision to employ nuclear weapons at any level requires explicit orders from the president."

But it says that in a changing environment "terrorists or regional states armed with WMD will likely test US security commitments to its allies and friends."

"In response, the US needs a range of capabilities to assure friend and foe alike of its resolve," says the 69-page document dated March 15.

A Pentagon spokesperson said Saturday evening that Navy Cmdr. Dawn Cutler, a public affairs officer for the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has issued a statement saying the draft is still being circulated among the various services, field commanders, Pentagon lawyers and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's office.

Its existence was initially reported by The Washington Post in Sunday editions, which said the document was posted on a Pentagon Internet site and pointed out to it by a consultant for the Natural Resorces Defense Council.

The file was not available at that site Saturday evening, but a copy was available at www.globalsecurity.org.

"A broader array of capability is needed to dissuade states from undertaking … courses of action that would threaten US and allied security," the draft says. "US forces must pose a credible deterrent to potential adversaries who have access to modern military technology, including WMD and the means to deliver them."

It says "deterrence of potential adversary WMD use requires the potential adversary leadership to believe the United States has both the ability and will to preempt or retaliate promptly with responses that are credible and effective."

It says "this will be particularly difficult with nonstate (nongovernment) actors who employ or attempt to gain use of WMD. Here, deterrence may be directed at states that support their efforts as well as the terrorist organization itself.

"However, the continuing proliferation of WMD along with the means to deliver them increases the probability that someday a state/nonstate actor nation/terrorist may, through miscaluation or by deliberate choice, use those weapons. In such cases, deterrence, even based on the threat of massive destruction, may fail and the United States must be prepared to use nuclear weapons if necessary."

It notes that US policy has always been purposely vague with regard to when the United States would use nuclear weapons and that it has never vowed not to be the first to use them in a conflict.

One scenario for a possible nuclear preemptive strike in the draft would be in the case of an "imminent attack from adversary biological weapons that only effects from nuclear weapons can safely destroy." *AP*

A WOMAN waits the turn of her child, right, who is afflicted with Japanese encephalitis, for treatment at the Children Hospital in Allahabad, India, Sept. 10. AP

Doctors work without pay as India battles encephalitis

GORAKHPUR, INDIA—The death toll from an outbreak of Japanese encephalitis in northern India neared 650 Sunday as already overworked medical staff launched a fund-raising drive to help the poor families of child victims.

Lalit Sahni, distraught that his daughter Poonam had not emerged from a coma after 17 days, was about to leave Gorakhpur's BRD Medical College with the stricken 11 year-old in his arms.

"I've no money left and my child's condition is not improving and so I decided to leave and return to my village in Sidhartnagar," he said.

"But doctors here persuaded me to stay and promised to feed me and help my child."

Apart from battling the outbreak which has infected thousands in impoverished Uttar Pradesh, doctors and nurses are working feverishly to raise funds to keep people like Sahni from taking their children home to die.

"We need to prevent such desperate acts," said pediatrician Santosh Pandey.

"We've started a fund-raising campaign among ourselves to buy food for the attendants (parents) because these are poor people and their resources are stretched to the limits."

The death toll as of Sunday rose to 646 and the number of people infected was 3,098 across the state, officials said.

Ninety percent of the victims killed by the mosquito-borne disease in Uttar Pradesh since the end of July have died in the BRD Medical College in Gorakhpur, the state's worst-hit district.

Some 500 children are still battling for life in the government hospital but parents lack money to buy medicines for their sons and daughters or food for themselves. *AFP*

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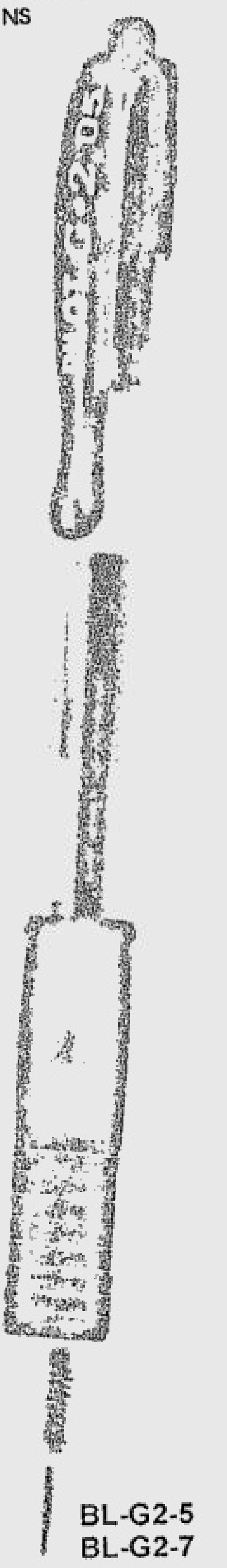

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Iraq closes border with Syria amid US-backed Tal Afar operation

TAL AFAR, IRAQ—IRAQ CLOSED ITS BORDER with Syria on Sunday to stop what it calls foreign fighters entering the country, as a US-backed military operation to wipe out suspected terrorists in the city of Tal Afar continued.

Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari said on Sunday he was also imposing an overnight curfew in the northwestern region of Rabiah, on the main road from the Syrian border to the northern city of Mosul, near Tal Afar.

Thousands of Iraqi troops backed by US forces launched an attack on rebels in Tal Afar starting at 2 a.m. on Saturday. Defense Minister Saadoun Dulaimi said that after the assault, government forces were ready to strike insurgents in four other northwestern towns.

US and Iraqi forces have long said Tal Afar was being used as a conduit for equipment and foreign Sunni Arab fighters smuggled in from Syria to fight the Shiite and Kurdish-led Iraqi government and occupying US forces across the country.

Dulaimi said troops killed 141 insurgents and captured 197 on Friday and Saturday in Tal Afar, adding that all but three of 17 battalions—several thousand troops—involved were Iraqi.

The government has played up the lead role taken by Iraqi forces in the Tal Afar assault, keen to show that its fledgling US-trained army is capable of carrying out such an operation.

Previously such assaults have been led by US troops.

US officials say that 115 Iraqi battalions consisting of over 190,000 troops are now battle-ready after training by the US military.

"Iraqi forces entered all sectors of the city in 11 operations, but they are still engaging in Hay al-Sarai district," an Iraqi defense ministry official said on Sunday, citing a military report covering the period 8 a.m. on Saturday to 8 a.m. on Sunday.

He added that Iraqi forces had killed three insurgents and arrested eight during that 24-hour period. He did not give their nationalities.

In its own statement, the US military said Iraqi and Coalition Forces had captured 211 terror suspects, killed 141 terrorists and confiscated nine weapons caches, but made clear the figures dated back to Aug 26.

Residents reported US air strikes early on Saturday, gunfire and an encirclement of US armor in parts of the town as Jaafari announced an offensive had begun.

But military operations were hampered later on Saturday by a sandstorm. Local residents said the vicinity of Tal Afar was quiet early on Sunday.

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IRAQI students line up to enter their classes at an elementary school on the first day of the new school year in Baghdad Sept. 11. Iraq's Minister of Education Abdul Falah Hassan announced that six million students around the country started their first day of school.

AP

Koizumi heads for election victory

TOKYO — JAPANESE Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's two-party coalition looked set for victory in a Sunday election that has already shaken up Japan's political landscape and raised expectations that economic reforms will stay on track.

Koizumi needs a substantial win to ensure his fractious Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) will support his reform agenda, starting with privatizing the postal system—a financial industry giant with $3 trillion in savings and insurance assets.

The 63-year-old Koizumi, a telegenic veteran with an aptitude for punchy slogans but a mixed record on implementing change, called the election after LDP lawmakers helped the opposition to defeat bills to privatize Japan Post in the upper house.

Koizumi's shock decision to strip LDP rebels of party backing and send what media called "assassin" candidates to challenge the "traitors" grabbed the limelight, making the election as much a referendum on Koizumi himself as on his policies.

"I want to let Mr. Koizumi finish off the reforms he has started," retiree Kiyoshi Asaoka, 75, said after voting in the western city of Osaka.

"Pensions and social security are issues for me because of my age, but I wanted to have Mr. Koizumi lead," he added.

Some, however, said they were put off by what media have called "Koizumi Theater," and the maverick prime minister's focus on privatizing Japan Post, a career-long obsession.

"I think Koizumi went too far by sending 'assassins.' He talks only about postal reforms but there are other important issues such as pensions and taxes," said Kazushige Ikeda, 36, who works at a financial institution in Tokyo.

The main opposition Democratic Party argued that only a change of government could achieve reform and that other issues such as pension reform mattered more than the post office—although the Democrats also say Japan Post needs to be reformed. Reuters

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S. Korea seeks to halt alarming rise in Caesarean births

SEOUL—NEARLY 40 PERCENT OF South Korean babies are now delivered by Caesarean section—a record among industrialized nations—in a trend the government has labelled a burden on the public health system.

While many women prefer "C-sections," once seen as an emergency procedure, as a safer and less painful alternative to natural childbirth, critics say the practice aims to help the medical industry more than the mothers-to-be.

Every day more that 500 South Korean women give birth through the surgical procedure, but state auditor the Health Insurance Review Agency argues nearly 60 percent of the C-sections are medically unnecessary.

The World Health Organization recommends a rate of 5 to 15 percent for C-sections, but the trend toward Caesarean sections has risen sharply worldwide.

In the United States, it has increased from less than one in 10 births to nearly one third in three decades.

In South Korea, the figure is closer to 40 percent, more than double the EU average and a record among the 30 member nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Cultural Development.

Medical experts say that C-sections—reserved in the past as an emergency option when the life of a mother or baby was at risk—are now seen as a safe and convenient alternative to natural childbirth.

But South Korea's government worries about the drain on health resources.

The country last year spent almost 150 billion won ($146 million) of its health care budget on childbirth expenses, 56 percent of it on C-sections.

"The abuse of Caesarean births represents a waste of medical resources and an increased public burden of medical fees," the Health Insurance Review Agency said in a report last month.

While many women see C-sections as a medical advance, some feminists argue the practice mainly serves the interests of hospitals and doctors by being easier to schedule and carrying less risk of malpractice suits.

Heo Nay-Oon, a researcher at the Korean Women's Institute, a Seoul think tank on feminist issues, said the system is geared to suit the interests of the medical profession, which actively promotes the practice.

"If a doctor says to a woman she needs a Caesarean, the women won't argue, because doctors are authority figures who have to be obeyed in this Confucian society," she said.

Anna Choi, spokesperson for the Council of Korean Obstetrics and Gynecology Practitioners, said: "The key reason for the abnormally high rate in South Korea is liability concerns about a malpractice suit."

She said courts are likely to be more severe with doctors in a malpractice suit concerning natural childbirth.

Whatever the reasons, C-sections have become increasingly common.

Two decades ago less than one in 10 South Korean women underwent the procedure. Ten years ago the rate was over 20 percent, and in 1999 it peaked at 43 percent.

The practice was unwittingly encouraged by a health insurance scheme that effectively punished women for choosing natural birth by forcing them to pay a higher proportion of their medical bills. Since January of this year, however, national insurance also covers 100 percent of the cost of natural births.

For hospitals and doctors operating in South Korea's for-profit health care system, C-sections remain the more lucrative option.

A Caesarean surgery lasting about 40 minutes costs twice as much in South Korea as a natural delivery that can keep a medical team of doctors and nurses busy for 12 hours.

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Stay put

EDITORIAL

IT IS DISINGENUOUS OF IMPEACHMENT ADVOCATES to play coy about the "military component" of their campaign, and then to turn around and raise the alarm about grumblings in the barracks. They are playing with fire, at a time when the political landscape is littered with tinder.

It is not enough to say, as former President Corazon Aquino has said time and again, that the current political crisis must be resolved through peaceful means. In today's highly charged environment, an assiduous interpreter can render "peaceful" to mean even armed support—as long as the arms remain holstered.

We must all be more categorical: The military must not decide the crisis one way or the other. To even suggest otherwise is to help push the country back two decades, to the days when a newly restored democracy struggled to put the genie of military intervention back in the lamp that Ferdinand Marcos broke.

Sadly, that was what Aquino intimated a week ago, at a news conference called by the Bukluran Para sa Katotohanan, one of the latest attempts to unite the opposition. Asked whether her campaign to oust President Macapagal-Arroyo through impeachment or resignation had a military component, the icon of democracy, twice this newspaper's Filipino of the Year, responded rather glibly: I used to be commander in chief, and I still have many friends in the Armed Forces.

Laughter and applause greeted her quick reply, but in truth it was an unfortunate answer. It resurrected the specter of a politicized military, the very thing that had haunted the Aquino years. Worse, it seemed to invite the military, or at least some groups within it, to take sides in the political crisis.

Are there Cory's Officers now, in the same way that there were Cory's Candidates before? If it was counterdemocratic for messianic putschists to intervene in the 1980s, it must still be so today—even if Aquino is now on the same side.

But arms can be used only to protect the public square, not to control it. The military must not decide the crisis one way or the other.

This crucial distinction is no reflection on the quality of the country's fighting men and women, who daily, even routinely, put their lives on the line. It is merely a reflection of the role they themselves have chosen to play, by swearing allegiance to the Constitution that defines our democracy and guarantees civilian supremacy over the military.

Of course, the country's soldiers are citizens too, and they are listening closely to the increasingly intense public discourse. Some are not immune to subtle appeals to patriotism, or not-so-subtle appeals to "save" the nation.

They hear the convenor of the Bukluran, Armin Luistro, FSC, talk about young officers as if they are the motive force, the source of dynamism, in the military: "Capitalizing on these pent-up feelings about the system, the young officers can decide to venture into politics and take advantage of the political crisis to catapult themselves into power."

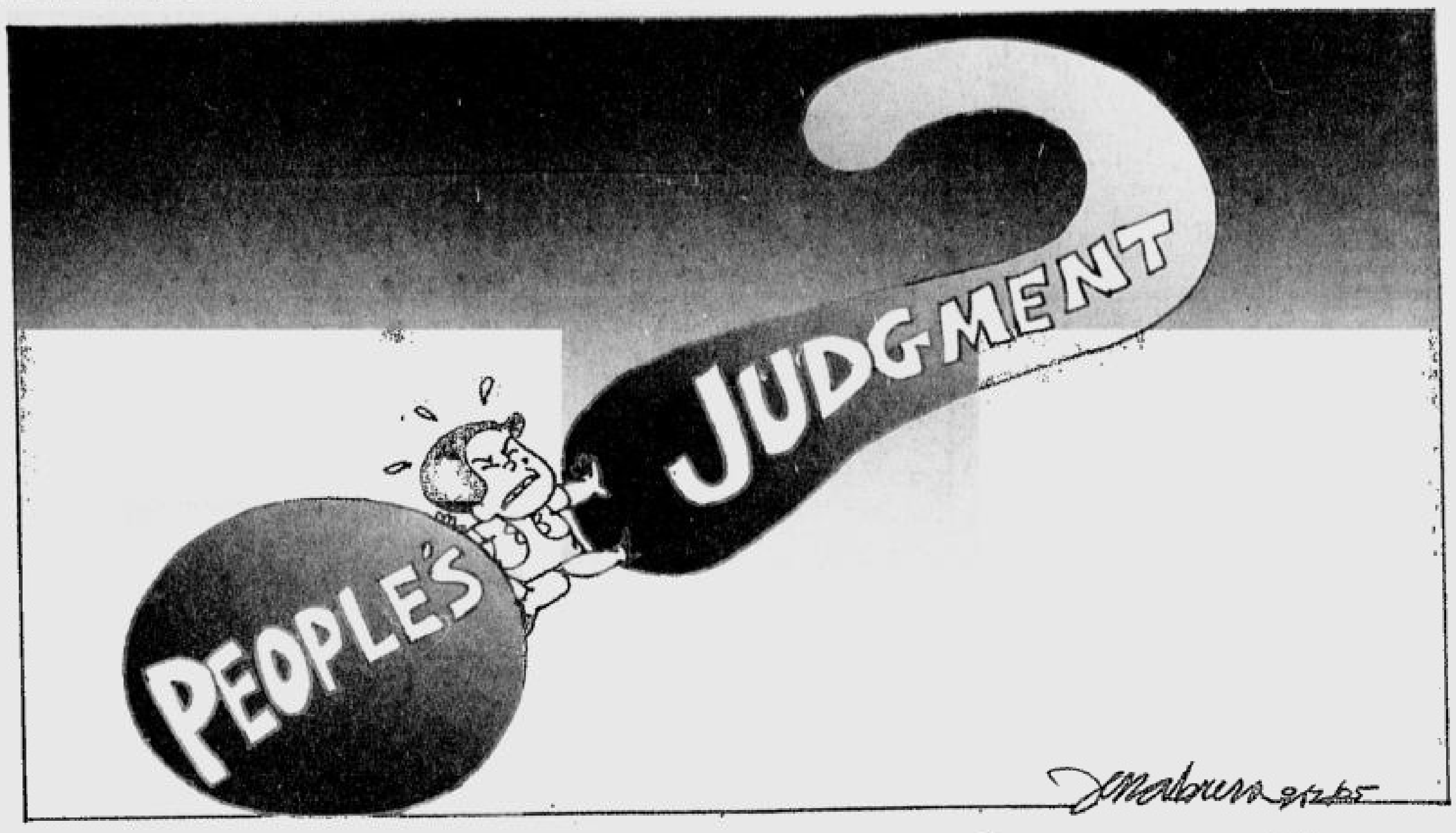
But when Luistro, the president of the country's De La Salle schools, fails to say that the opposition will not welcome any armed support, or abhors military intervention to end the crisis, well, they hear that, too.

These days, it is not enough to say one is for peaceful or non-violent means. Those who stand behind the Constitution must say, categorically, that political crises are meant to be resolved without even the implied use of the instruments of violence.

"In the depths of the current political crisis," we wrote two months ago, "we must be careful not to tempt the armed services to leave the barracks and rush into the public square. How do we do that? By containing the crisis within the constitutional process."

Has last Tuesday's equally unfortunate vote in Congress exhausted the constitutional remedies? Hardly. There are petitions to be filed before the Supreme Court; motions to be made in the House of Representatives; perhaps, investigations to be conducted in the Senate. Above all, there is the prospect of a more solid impeachment case next year, and beyond that, the people's judgment in the next vote.

It's a whole lot of work; thankfully, none of it needs to be done by the military.



Power grab turns off many People Power allies

As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

"HELP ME BE A GOOD AND JUST PRESIDENT," Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo asked the people in a message read for her by Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye. Perhaps, she had somebody else read it because the words just would not come out of her mouth. Why? Because the words "just" and "good," are in the statement. Either the words are not in her vocabulary or the words have no meaning for her.

In the first place, her problems started because she was not honest. She cannot honestly say until now whether she was the "Ma'am" caught in the Garci tapes talking with Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano, and whether they cheated in the presidential elections. Caught red-handed in the tapes, she refuses to deny or confirm what they imply. She just stubbornly remains silent. How can she be honest when she refuses to face the truth? How can she be honest when, after challenging the opposition to "impeach me" so "I can have my day in court," she bribed the congressmen with pork barrel funds to kill the impeachment complaints filed against her?

How can she be "just" when she allowed her cohorts to use all sorts of technical chicanery to foil the impeachment complaints? How can she be "just" when she uses the taxes paid by her hard-pressed countrymen to bribe congressmen and witnesses so she can continue to stay in Malacañang? How can she be "just" when she steals from the poor to give to the rich?

How can she be "good" when she has no sense of justice? How can she be "good" when she is not sincere, when she lies like nobody's business, when she cannot keep her promises?

But just in case GMA has finally seen the light and wants to reform, let us help her to be "good" and "just." In order that she can begin to be honest, she must, first of all, say truthfully where Garci is, where she sent him. And she must say honestly whether they cheated in the polls. And whether her husband, son and brother-in-law did receive *payola* from *jueteng* lords. Ms President, there are so many questions the people are asking and nobody can answer these questions honestly except you. The people are already helping you to be good and just by asking the questions. The moment you start answering them honestly and truthfully, then you will start becoming a better person.

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Some opposition leaders are already showing their true colors, and that's a bad omen to the efforts to oust GMA from the presidency. These leaders are insisting on a transition government instead of a constitutional succession in case GMA is ousted. The Constitution says it should be the vice president who should succeed to the presidency, but they want a council or a junta to replace her. And who will compose this council or junta? Why, who else? It will be no other but them, of course. In short, they want to grab power.

That will turn off a lot of people who are otherwise willing to join and support another people power to oust GMA. That is why the anti-GMA rallies do not attract bigger crowds. Former President Corazon Aquino, the top crowd-drawer, has made it clear that she is not amenable to a transition government. GMA should be replaced by the constitutional successor, she said, meaning the Vice President.

If President Aquino leaves the movement, it will lose steam. For she is not just the top crowd-drawer, she is also one of the movement's most indefatigable campaigners, offering to go all over the Philippines to explain to the people why GMA has to go.

Not surprisingly, most of those who want to grab power lost in past elections. Some did not even run for elective office. Now they want to enter the nation's leadership through the backdoor.

They want to oust GMA because she cheated in the polls. At least she ran for office. But they who did not, now want to replace her.

So what if it is Vice President Noli de Castro who will succeed to the presidency? The Constitution says he should be the successor.

They all say Noli is no different from GMA, that they are birds of the same feather. How do they know that? Noli is still an unknown entity. There is a 50 percent chance that he would be as bad or worse than GMA. But there is also a 50 percent chance that he would be better. In the first place, nobody can be worse than GMA.

One thing sure, Noli will be very careful, knowing that he will be watched very closely and that the slightest mistake he makes will set the opposition on him, like a pack of dogs. He wouldn't want what is happening to GMA to happen to him.

But, maybe, he doesn't have the brains to be president. Maybe. But then, he may just have the brains. So let's find out first. Let's give him a chance to show what he can do. He may yet pull a surprise, the same way Ramon Magsaysay did many years ago. If Noli makes a mess, then we replace him, too. But let's not replace him before he gets his chance.

Of course, another reason some opposition leaders don't want Noli—besides the fact that they want the job for themselves—is that there will be no vacancies for the hordes of their followers waiting for their turn at the tills. Noli will likely retain most of GMA's officials, besides bringing in some of his own. How then can the opposition leaders give jobs to themselves and their followers?

Already, the predators are fighting over the quarry they have not brought down yet. My advice to them is to do it step by step. First things first. Oust GMA first. That will already be a big victory. The rest will come easy.

But plan a power grab and you will not have many supporters. Can you bear the thought of GMA laughing at you?

Meddling

There's the Rub

Conrado de Quiros

TO BEGIN WITH, I DON'T KNOW WHY WE bothered to make Miriam Defensor-Santiago's views of life and morality news, much more turned it into a headline. Santiago has about as much qualification to talk about morality as Mike Velarde has to talk about sartorial elegance.

Her views of right and wrong Raul Roco already showed up during the Erap impeachment trial. She tried to destroy the credibility of a witness, a young lawyer named Jasmine Banal, by harping on the fact that Banal had left a job that paid well in a law office owned by an Erap crony for a job that paid not so well in another law office that opposed Erap. Santiago found it "remarkable" that anyone in her right mind—strangely, another thing she feels qualified to talk about—would do that.

"So," Santiago sneered, unraveling her guiding principle in life, "you made the unusual deviation from the usual career path, since you and I and all UP law graduates virtually pursue the same career path after graduation… We try and get the highest salary we can get." Fortunately for her, UP did not there and then revoke her diploma. Unfortunately for her, Roco went on to show, in the course of cross-examining Banal, that to "transfer from a law office with a higher salary to a law office with a lower salary" was remarkable only in that it showed principle, a concept many lawyers in this country seemed to fail to grasp.

Santiago went on to display her understanding of right and wrong by venting her rage on the gallery, causing Dante Jimenez, Bettina Aboitiz and Rosanna Tuason-Fores to be ejected "for eyeing me provocatively." You'd be out of your mind to derive any erotic innuendos from the phrase.

In fact, if there's a surefire way to determine what is moral in this country, it is to look at which cause Santiago, Juan Ponce Enrile and Ronaldo Puno have joined—and pick the other side. You can't go wrong. It's a scientific and divinely revealed truth. All of them were once with Erap but are now with GMA, switching sides when the going was good, Puno making sure the going got good by masterminding the "Garci Protocols." Indeed, if there is a surefire way to determine which regime will go down, it is to look at which one all three decide to support. Whom the gods wish to destroy, they first have them for allies. Well, they also, of course, still make them crazy, but of an order of craziness—a power-madness—that goes beyond being Brenda. It is also a scientific and divinely revealed truth that crazy attracts crazy.

What makes Santiago's remarks last Friday spectacularly crazy is that she should imagine that it is wrong for the bishops to meddle in the affairs of the common weal but not imagine that it is wrong for a presidential candidate to meddle in the affairs of the Comelec. From Day One, or from the moment the "Hello Garci" tape materialized from out of the blue—enough to make you believe God truly does meddle in the affairs of men, and most assuredly women—Santiago has been saying that the tape was illegally acquired and that there was nothing in the "Hello Garci" conversation anyway that compromised GMA.

But my dear Madam, didn't GMA herself admit to the public, before uttering her now much-imitated robotic, "I am sorry," that "I spoke to a Comelec official"? Isn't GMA's meddling in the affairs of Garci, and not the Church's presumed meddling in the affairs of Caesar, the most damning thing in the world, betraying as it does God, State and the vote, not necessarily in that order? Isn't that the worst possible meddling in the world, punishable at the very least by being prevented from holding office and the very most by a stiff prison term?

Of course one can always argue legalistically, as Santiago does, that GMA never admitted talking to Garci, only to "a Comelec official." But it adds interfering in the natural operations of the human brain to suggest that that Comelec official could be anyone other than Garci. Indeed, it completely interferes with thought to suggest any human being, or creature of the night, could possibly own the voice that croaked out the words, "Hello Garci." That DNA signature is more distinctive than a thumbprint or an ear shape. You don't need the CSI for that.

But I am glad I meddled in the affairs of the Church, enough to imagine I might have contributed to the ferment in their ranks. I am no more an authority on Canon Law that I am on Mammon Law, but as a reasonably sane human being, give or take a madness or two, I can still claim to tell the difference between law and *lokohan*, between *Gloria In Excelsis Deo* and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. I still find it surprising that Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales should have said last month that GMA is not the only corrupt president to have cursed our lives, so removing her won't do anything. I am thankful that Msgr. Hernando Coronel, secretary general of the CBCP, now says: "We cannot confine ourselves to the sacristy. We also have to involve ourselves in moral issues affecting our people." That is not interfering in the natural flow of reason.

As it is, the bishops have been polite. Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, who will assume the CBCP presidency in January next year—completely legitimately as he was voted to the post by the council of bishops without ever having to say "Hello Gaudi"—has merely insisted that resigning remains an option for GMA. In Japan, they tell leaders who have been involved in a scandal of such humongous proportions it has torn the country apart that they have the option of confining themselves to their rooms, samurai in hand, to reclaim part of their honor. But that presumes you are talking to people who have heard of the word honor.

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Fema was downsized and downgraded from a cabinet position, then placed under the Department of Homeland Security. Its mission of disaster planning and preparation was dropped entirely, and its focus was altered to fight terrorists. Its leadership had no experience in disaster management. The past director was one of Bush's Texas political cronies; the current director's qualifications include a stint as commissioner for judges and stewards with the International Arabian Horse Association, where he was asked to resign for "supervision failures."

Since 2001, billions of dollars for disaster relief were shifted to homeland security and the war in Iraq. Key disaster mitigation programs were slashed and federal funding for post-disaster relief was cut in half. The Army Corps of Engineers' budget for levee construction in New Orleans was gutted, including funds specifically aimed at the Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project. Preventive measures to protect people and property were not carried out despite Fema's own conclusion in 2001 that a major hurricane hitting New Orleans was one of the three "likeliest, most catastrophic disasters facing this country."

Bush's first Fema director instituted new outsourcing requirements as part of a major privatization effort. This provoked a brain drain: experienced Fema personnel moved into the private sector.

Privatization also left poorer states and poorer communities especially vulnerable. As money dried up and federal programs were contracted out to private firms at higher rates, only the richest and the most politically important states and communities could compete successfully for the scarce federal grants necessary to pay for services.

For example, Florida (with 16 more electoral votes than Louisiana and where the president's brother governs) received its requested funding to protect its wetlands. By contrast, a more needy Louisiana (with its staggering 24-percent poverty rate) was denied its request for flood-mitigation funds in 2004. With Louisiana's ability to protect itself weakened and the center of disaster relief badly undermined, an inadequate government response and unnecessary destruction were almost inevitable—with the poor paying the price.

But the failure of this administration runs deeper than its chronic and intentional diversion of resources away from the types of policies that keep people safe from disaster. Despite scientific evidence demonstrating that the increased intensity and frequency of hurricanes is related to climate change, the Bush administration systematically rejects participation in international climate-protection regimes. Rather than continue a ban on wetlands development instituted by previous administrations, the Bush administration overturned it. Because development-provoked erosion has brought the Gulf of Mexico 20 miles closer to land than it was in 1965, hurricanes are able to retain more strength, and their winds and waves pack more speed and destructive power.

Similarly, the loss of wetlands threatened New Orleans' levees, which were built on the assumption that they would have 40 to 50 miles of protective swamp as buffer between the city and the Gulf of Mexico. Despite every major study showing that a massive coastal restoration program and higher levees were needed to protect New Orleans, the administration permitted federal agencies to stop protecting 20 million acres of wetlands, allowed developers to drain thousands of acres, and in 2004 cut funding (by more than 80 percent) for a project to hold back the waters of Lake Pontchartrain.

The ideologies of privatization that incapacitate effective government—permitting the privileged to save themselves while leaving the poor clinging to roofs—must now be challenged. This disaster is a chilling reminder of what happens when government fails to protect its citizens. It is imperative that Americans demand accountability. Officials who did not do their jobs must be dismissed, and elected officials whose policies aggravated the devastation wrought by Katrina must be removed from office. We owe this to the dead and to the survivors. *Project Syndicate*

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To our worthy bishops

THE LONG VIEW

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YOUR Eminence and Excellencies: By proclamation, the Secular Authority, in the form of the President of the Philippines, has called the country to a "National Day of Prayer, Conversion, Reparation and Consecration for Our Nation in order to promote peace and unity among Filipinos."

I submit that the call of the times, as exemplified by the President's proclamation, requires once again the intervention of spiritual forces in our secular life. The hierarchy of the Philippines said as much when, through a collective statement, it offered to secular society a guide to invoking spiritual principles to accomplish the reconciliation of contending sides, by means that exalt accountability. Of the means proposed, most resulted in a perfunctory examination, and the one that moved forward the most was entangled in a web of procedures that killed any possible hope (and semblance) of determining the ultimate facts.

The Catholic Encyclopedia tells us, in its entry on the "discernment of Spirits," that "All moral conduct may be summed up in the rule: avoid evil and do good." The dismissal of impeachment complaints has been hailed by the defenders of the President as something good; it has been condemned by the detractors of the President as an evil act. The majority have lost faith in either good or evil.

Once more the faithful turns to their bishops for guidance. What will you tell us? Or will you even speak? I am reminded of an interview of Fr. Georg Ratzinger, published on Aug. 19, 2005 in Junge Freiheit, in which he said, "The Church must not forget that she not only considers 'today' but she must prevail in eternity." By your speaking up, you will speak to coming generations; by your silence you will be heard for all time.

The Catholic Encyclopedia (from which the next and subsequent quotations come) tells us that the "Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius, "begins by enunciating this clear principle, that both the good and the evil spirit act upon a soul according to the attitude it assumes toward them. If it pose as their friend, they flatter it; if it resist them, they torment it *(sic)*. But the evil spirit speaks only to the imagination and the senses, whereas the good spirit acts upon reason and conscience." I ask our bishops: Who has posed as your friend, and flattered you, while ignoring the substance of your pastoral statement? Who has thwarted every means to elicit from the secular authority explanations, statements or procedures a nation needs, in order to properly, and prudently, hold its leaders to account? And who, fearing you and the mighty voice with which you can collectively speak, has tormented you by subjecting acts of charity it made to you to the basest interpretation, by itself revealing those acts?

Of "Reason," the faithful are told, "Man is rational in the sense that he is a being who arrives at conclusions from premises. Our intellectual life is a process, a voyage of discovery; our knowledge is not a static ready-made whole; it is rather an organism instinct with life and growth. Each new conclusion becomes the basis of further inference..." In light of the above, what do the events (that unfolded since your issuance of a statement) tell you of the public's continuing lack of information and of our ruler's true intent as demonstrated by her actuations and by the actions of her subordinates?

Of "Conscience," we are told: It "considers right and wrong in conduct, aided meanwhile by a good will, by the use of the emotions, by the practical experience of living, and by all external helps that are to the purpose...Being a practical thing, conscience depends in large measure for its correctness upon the good use of it and on proper care taken to heed its deliverances, cultivate its powers and frustrate its enemies." Can a good conscience permit the continuing frustration of principal aims of your collective discernment?

And combining "Reason" and "Conscience," in the light of "Prudence," which thoroughly infused your last national statement, shouldn't we reflect that "it is to be observed that prudence, whilst possessing in some sort an empire over all the moral virtues, itself aims to perfect not the will but the intellect in its practical decisions. Its function is to point out which course of action is to be taken in any round of concrete circumstances. It indicates which, here and now, is the golden mean wherein the essence of all virtue lies. It has nothing to do with directly willing the good it discerns. That is done by the particular moral virtue within whose province it falls. Prudence, therefore, has a directive capacity with regard to the other virtues."

Which brings us, dear bishops, to Justice, defined by the Catholic Encyclopedia as "the most important of the cardinal virtues." If Prudence was the call you made last time, is it not time to call for Justice? For justice "is a moral quality or habit which perfects the will and inclines it to render to each and to all what belongs to them."

Dear bishops, you have counseled prudence, and where has it gotten our people now? It has accomplished a political victory for some, and a moral victory for no one. It has cast the teachings of the Church in disrepute, sown discord and confusion among the faithful; you have been hailed, even as those praising you prepared to sow further confusion and discord. We are told, "The Catholic doctrine of justice will be found one of the main safeguards of order, peace and progress. With even balance, it equally favours all and presses unduly on none. It gives the State ample authority for the attainment of its legitimate end, while it effectually bars the road to tyranny and violence."

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Flaws in polls

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COMMENTARY

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OTHER THAN THEIR SANCTIMONIOUS INVOCATIONS OF "morality" and "truth," the anti-Gloria personalities proclaim as a mantra their claim—based on polls—that most Filipinos want her out. These anti-Gloria forces no longer even refer to the actual surveys; they merely state cavalierly—or casually write in innumerable opinion columns—that "Filipinos" want President Macapagal-Arroyo to step down from power.

For starters, the names of the two notable polling surveys should be instructive enough: Social Weather Stations; and Pulse Asia Inc. Polls capture a period—or even just a moment—of the public's perception. Boracay at the height of a typhoon is a hellish place. That doesn't mean though that Boracay isn't a great resort. A person's pulse quickens during moments of agitation and danger; that doesn't necessarily mean that his heart is breaking down.

And the people's pulse can change quickly, and not necessarily as a result of reasonable deliberation.

In early March (1995), despite the dramatic resolution of the country's power crisis, then President Fidel Ramos' popularity steeply fell, with his satisfaction ratings dropping to zero by mid-1995. (Should FVR have resigned then?) The reason for this was the Flor Contemplacion controversy. The decline in Ramos' popularity wasn't even caused by an action of his. Public outrage broke out because of a statement made by his foreign affairs secretary, a statement which, the people felt, was callous.

In November 1999, Estrada's satisfaction ratings, which were zooming up to the 70-point level, suddenly crashed to net 5 percentage points. Why? In that month there was a barrage of media exposés against him: front-page photos of the mansions allegedly owned by Estrada's mistresses, and reports of his drinking sprees in Malacañang. However, Estrada recovered his popularity to the 19-point level by September the following year.

The polls were invented by media, when the American newspapers Harrisburg Pennsylvanian and the Raleigh Star organized crude straw votes in 1874. The dialectic—maybe even the conspiracy—of media and polls continues. In the United States, other than political parties during election periods, US media outfits also commission poll surveys.

This prompted a noted American US political scientist J.S. Fishkin (in his book "The Voice of the People") to remark: "Polls are no more than the superficial means by which newspapers have come to speak for the people." Indeed, if newspapers do not publish polls, the latter will be as insignificant to politics as academic dissertations.

Other than capturing only a moment of public sentiment, the basic flaw of opinion polls is this: They report opinions even if the opinions are uninformed or misinformed. "Modern polling can give us back only what citizens know the moment the phone rings," another US political scientist, Robert Weissberg wrote.

And with the power of television and newspaper in the modern world, media images are enough to suddenly shift public perception. The sudden change in public opinion on the Vietnam War wasn't really due to the Pentagon Papers or student revolt or extensive debates. It was the images on television, such as the ones showing wounded US soldiers screaming in pain, and a young Vietnamese girl burnt in a napalm bombing.

With Congress turned into a venue for deliberating the impeachment issues, opposition demagogues were able to speak day in, day out—with full media coverage—with all venom and vitriol against the President. Rep. Alan Cayetano was even devious enough to keep repeating in every interview: "All we want to find out is whether the President is a thief and a liar." After people kept seeing and hearing congressmen saying for nearly three months that the President is a thief, what opinion would an ordinary Filipino express if he were suddenly interviewed by a pollster?

One pernicious impact of opinion polls is the bandwagon effect, and this is the reason why, in many countries, the publication of pollsters' findings on voting preferences are banned several weeks before elections.

A poll survey shows that a big percentage of respondents want Gloria out. "Middle forces" interpret this as the voice of the people. Therefore, they want Gloria out, too. The next month the percentage of Filipinos wanting Gloria out increases.

That is exactly what happened in recent months. "I look at the figures," former secretary Juan Santos said in a TV interview, referring to Pulse Asia's findings on the popularity of the President, "and they keep falling." Therefore, Santos joined the Hyatt 4—to increase the cabal's numbers.

A more insidious use of polls in the guise of objectivity is when introductory statements to a series of questions are posed to the respondent. Consider the following approach:

Introductory statements by pollster: President Arroyo admitted she called a Comelec official. There are some who claim that Ms Arroyo cheated in the elections.

Q 3: Do you think President Gloria cheated in the elections?

Q4: Do you think she should resign?

The questions might appear objective, but note how the responses would have totally changed if the introductory statements were different.

For example: Introductory statements—President Arroyo won in 2004 by a margin of more than 1.5 million votes over FPJ. Most of the Catholic Church, the Iglesia ni Cristo, El Shaddai, and business groups clearly supported Arroyo in that elections. It was Congress which determined that President Gloria won.

Question 1: Do you think President Gloria won only because she cheated?

Question 2: Do you think she should resign?

SWS and Pulse Asia would never have used such an approach.

The introductory statements were actually worse in their recent polls. The statements and questions were in Filipino. Their translation of the sentence "President Gloria admitted calling a Comelec official" was: *"Inamin ni Pangulong Gloria na kinausap niya ang isang Comelec official."*

The common usage of *"inamin"* is "confessed," as to a crime. But the President never confessed to a crime. And if you were an ordinary Filipino being told by a pollster that your President admitted to a crime, wouldn't you agree that he or she should be ousted?

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Some 236 representatives of the people studied in detail the impeachment charges and debated over them for weeks. The majority, 158 of them, decided to junk the complaints, and only 51, less than a fourth of them, wanted her impeached. Contrast that to Estrada's case, when 115 members of Congress voted for his impeachment.

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With 40 percent of the National Guard in Iraq, the pace of getting military personnel to the hardest hit areas was inordinately slow. For four days, there was simply no clear center of command and control. As a result, countless people suffered and died.

Much of this failure is the result of the Bush administration's policies which have effectively eroded the capacities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (Fema), the government agency primarily responsible for dealing with disasters. Obsessed with the war on terror as well as with the ideology of privatizing the functions of government, the administration systematically sapped Fema's long-term ability to prevent disaster or, at least, to cushion the blows when prevention is not possible.

Fema was downsized and downgraded from a cabinet position, then placed under the Department of Homeland Security. Its mission of disaster planning and preparation was dropped entirely, and its focus was altered to fight terrorists. Its leadership had no experience in disaster management. The past director was one of Bush's Texas political cronies; the current director's qualifications include a stint as commissioner for judges and stewards with the International Arabian Horse Association, where he was asked to resign for "supervision failures."

Since 2001, billions of dollars for disaster relief were shifted to homeland security and the war in Iraq. Key disaster mitigation programs were slashed and federal funding for post-disaster relief was cut in half. The Army Corps of Engineers' budget for levee construction in New Orleans was gutted, including funds specifically aimed at the Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project. Preventive measures to protect people and property were not carried out despite Fema's own conclusion in 2001 that a major hurricane hitting New Orleans was one of the three "likeliest, most catastrophic disasters facing this country."

Bush's first Fema director instituted new outsourcing requirements as part of a major privatization effort. This provoked a brain drain: experienced Fema personnel moved into the private sector.

Privatization also left poorer states and poorer communities especially vulnerable. As money dried up and federal programs were contracted out to private firms at higher rates, only the richest and the most politically important states and communities could compete successfully for the scarce federal grants necessary to pay for services.

For example, Florida (with 16 more electoral votes than Louisiana and where the president's brother governs) received its requested funding to protect its wetlands. By contrast, a more needy Louisiana (with its staggering 24-percent poverty rate) was denied its request for flood-mitigation funds in 2004. With Louisiana's ability to protect itself weakened and the center of disaster relief badly undermined, an inadequate government response and unnecessary destruction were almost inevitable—with the poor paying the price.

But the failure of this administration runs deeper than its chronic and intentional diversion of resources away from the types of policies that keep people safe from disaster. Despite scientific evidence demonstrating that the increased intensity and frequency of hurricanes is related to climate change, the Bush administration systematically rejects participation in international climate-protection regimes. Rather than continue a ban on wetlands development instituted by previous administrations, the Bush administration overturned it. Because development-provoked erosion has brought the Gulf of Mexico 20 miles closer to land than it was in 1965, hurricanes are able to retain more strength, and their winds and waves pack more speed and destructive power.

Similarly, the loss of wetlands threatened New Orleans' levees, which were built on the assumption that they would have 40 to 50 miles of protective swamp as buffer between the city and the Gulf of Mexico. Despite every major study showing that a massive coastal restoration program and higher levees were needed to protect New Orleans, the administration permitted federal agencies to stop protecting 20 million acres of wetlands, allowed developers to drain thousands of acres, and in 2004 cut funding (by more than 80 percent) for a project to hold back the waters of Lake Pontchartrain.

The ideologies of privatization that incapacitate effective government—permitting the privileged to save themselves while leaving the poor clinging to roofs—must now be challenged. This disaster is a chilling reminder of what happens when government fails to protect its citizens. It is imperative that Americans demand accountability. Officials who did not do their jobs must be dismissed, and elected officials whose policies aggravated the devastation wrought by Katrina must be removed from office. We owe this to the dead and to the survivors. ***Project Syndicate***

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To our worthy bishops

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III

YOUR Eminence and Excellencies: By proclamation, the Secular Authority, in the form of the President of the Philippines, has called the country to a "National Day of Prayer, Conversion, Reparation and Consecration for Our Nation in order to promote peace and unity among Filipinos."

I submit that the call of the times, as exemplified by the President's proclamation, requires once again the intervention of spiritual forces in our secular life. The hierarchy of the Philippines said as much when, through a collective statement, it offered to secular society a guide to invoking spiritual principles to accomplish the reconciliation of contending sides, by means that exalt accountability. Of the means proposed, most resulted in a perfunctory examination, and the one that moved forward the most was entangled in a web of procedures that killed any possible hope (and semblance) of determining the ultimate facts.

The Catholic Encyclopedia tells us, in its entry on the "discernment of Spirits," that "All moral conduct may be summed up in the rule: avoid evil and do good." The dismissal of impeachment complaints has been hailed by the defenders of the President as something good; it has been condemned by the detractors of the President as an evil act. The majority have lost faith in either good or evil.

Once more the faithful turns to their bishops for guidance. What will you tell us? Or will you even speak? I am reminded of an interview of Fr. Georg Ratzinger, published on Aug. 19, 2005 in Junge Freiheit, in which he said, "The Church must not forget that she not only considers 'today' but she must prevail in eternity." By your speaking up, you will speak to coming generations; by your silence you will be heard for all time.

The Catholic Encyclopedia (from which the next and subsequent quotations come) tells us that the "Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius, "begins by enunciating this clear principle, that both the good and the evil spirit act upon a soul according to the attitude it assumes toward them. If it pose as their friend, they flatter it; if it resist them, they torment it *(sic)*. But the evil spirit speaks only to the imagination and the senses, whereas the good spirit acts upon reason and conscience." I ask our bishops: Who has posed as your friend, and flattered you, while ignoring the substance of your pastoral statement? Who has thwarted every means to elicit from the secular authority explanations, statements or procedures a nation needs, in order to properly, and prudently, hold its leaders to account? And who, fearing you and the mighty voice with which you can collectively speak, has tormented you by subjecting acts of charity it made to you to the basest interpretation, by itself revealing those acts?

Of "Reason," the faithful are told, "Man is rational in the sense that he is a being who arrives at conclusions from premises. Our intellectual life is a process, a voyage of discovery; our knowledge is not a static ready-made whole; it is rather an organism instinct with life and growth. Each new conclusion becomes the basis of further inference..." In light of the above, what do the events (that unfolded since your issuance of a statement) tell you of the public's continuing lack of information and of our ruler's true intent as demonstrated by her actuations and by the actions of her subordinates?

Of "Conscience," we are told: It "considers right and wrong in conduct, aided meanwhile by a good will, by the use of the emotions, by the practical experience of living, and by all external helps that are to the purpose...Being a practical thing, conscience depends in large measure for its correctness upon the good use of it and on proper care taken to heed its deliverances, cultivate its powers and frustrate its enemies." Can a good conscience permit the continuing frustration of principal aims of your collective discernment?

And combining "Reason" and "Conscience," in the light of "Prudence," which thoroughly infused your last national statement, shouldn't we reflect that "it is to be observed that prudence, whilst possessing in some sort an empire over all the moral virtues, itself aims to perfect not the will but the intellect in its practical decisions. Its function is to point out which course of action is to be taken in any round of concrete circumstances. It indicates which, here and now, is the golden mean wherein the essence of all virtue lies. It has nothing to do with directly willing the good it discerns. That is done by the particular moral virtue within whose province it falls. Prudence, therefore, has a directive capacity with regard to the other virtues."

Which brings us, dear bishops, to Justice, defined by the Catholic Encyclopedia as "the most important of the cardinal virtues." If Prudence was the call you made last time, is it not time to call for Justice? For justice "is a moral quality or habit which perfects the will and inclines it to render to each and to all what belongs to them."

Dear bishops, you have counseled prudence, and where has it gotten our people now? It has accomplished a political victory for some, and a moral victory for no one. It has cast the teachings of the Church in disrepute, sown discord and confusion among the faithful; you have been hailed, even as those praising you prepared to sow further confusion and discord. We are told, "The Catholic doctrine of justice will be found one of the main safeguards of order, peace and progress. With even balance, it equally favours all and presses unduly on none. It gives the State ample authority for the attainment of its legitimate end, while it effectually bars the road to tyranny and violence."

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Flaws in polls

"Polls: Either the 'echo-chamber' for the media, or the views of political leaders and media without sufficient information and examination to represent any meaningful popular control." **—J.S. Fishkin, US political scientist**

COMMENTARY

Rigoberto D. Tiglao

OTHER THAN THEIR SANCTIMONIOUS INVOCATIONS OF "morality" and "truth," the anti-Gloria personalities proclaim as a mantra their claim—based on polls—that most Filipinos want her out. These anti-Gloria forces no longer even refer to the actual surveys; they merely state cavalierly—or casually write in innumerable opinion columns—that "Filipinos" want President Macapagal-Arroyo to step down from power.

For starters, the names of the two notable polling surveys should be instructive enough: Social Weather Stations; and Pulse Asia Inc. Polls capture a period—or even just a moment—of the public's perception. Boracay at the height of a typhoon is a hellish place. That doesn't mean though that Boracay isn't a great resort. A person's pulse quickens during moments of agitation and danger; that doesn't necessarily mean that his heart is breaking down.

And the people's pulse can change quickly, and not necessarily as a result of reasonable deliberation.

In early March (1995), despite the dramatic resolution of the country's power crisis, then President Fidel Ramos' popularity steeply fell, with his satisfaction ratings dropping to zero by mid-1995. (Should FVR have resigned then?) The reason for this was the Flor Contemplacion controversy. The decline in Ramos' popularity wasn't even caused by an action of his. Public outrage broke out because of a statement made by his foreign affairs secretary, a statement which, the people felt, was callous.

In November 1999, Estrada's satisfaction ratings, which were zooming up to the 70-point level, suddenly crashed to net 5 percentage points. Why? In that month there was a barrage of media exposés against him: front-page photos of the mansions allegedly owned by Estrada's mistresses, and reports of his drinking sprees in Malacañang. However, Estrada recovered his popularity to the 19-point level by September the following year.

The polls were invented by media, when the American newspapers Harrisburg Pennsylvanian and the Raleigh Star organized crude straw votes in 1874. The dialectic—maybe even the conspiracy—of media and polls continues. In the United States, other than political parties during election periods, US media outfits also commission poll surveys.

This prompted a noted American US political scientist J.S. Fishkin (in his book "The Voice of the People") to remark: "Polls are no more than the superficial means by which newspapers have come to speak for the people." Indeed, if newspapers do not publish polls, the latter will be as insignificant to politics as academic dissertations.

Other than capturing only a moment of public sentiment, the basic flaw of opinion polls is this: They report opinions even if the opinions are uninformed or misinformed. "Modern polling can give us back only what citizens know the moment the phone rings," another US political scientist, Robert Weissberg wrote.

And with the power of television and newspaper in the modern world, media images are enough to suddenly shift public perception. The sudden change in public opinion on the Vietnam War wasn't really due to the Pentagon Papers or student revolt or extensive debates. It was the images on television, such as the ones showing wounded US soldiers screaming in pain, and a young Vietnamese girl burnt in a napalm bombing.

With Congress turned into a venue for deliberating the impeachment issues, opposition demagogues were able to speak day in, day out—with full media coverage—with all venom and vitriol against the President. Rep. Alan Cayetano was even devious enough to keep repeating in every interview: "All we want to find out is whether the President is a thief and a liar." After people kept seeing and hearing congressmen saying for nearly three months that the President is a thief, what opinion would an ordinary Filipino express if he were suddenly interviewed by a pollster?

One pernicious impact of opinion polls is the bandwagon effect, and this is the reason why, in many countries, the publication of pollsters' findings on voting preferences are banned several weeks before elections.

A poll survey shows that a big percentage of respondents want Gloria out. "Middle forces" interpret this as the voice of the people. Therefore, they want Gloria out, too. The next month the percentage of Filipinos wanting Gloria out increases.

That is exactly what happened in recent months. "I look at the figures," former secretary Juan Santos said in a TV interview, referring to Pulse Asia's findings on the popularity of the President, "and they keep falling." Therefore, Santos joined the Hyatt 4—to increase the cabal's numbers.

A more insidious use of polls in the guise of objectivity is when introductory statements to a series of questions are posed to the respondent. Consider the following approach:

Introductory statements by pollster: President Arroyo admitted she called a Comelec official. There are some who claim that Ms Arroyo cheated in the elections.

Q 3: Do you think President Gloria cheated in the elections?

Q4: Do you think she should resign?

The questions might appear objective, but note how the responses would have totally changed if the introductory statements were different.

For example: Introductory statements—President Arroyo won in 2004 by a margin of more than 1.5 million votes over FPJ. Most of the Catholic Church, the Iglesia ni Cristo, El Shaddai, and business groups clearly supported Arroyo in that elections. It was Congress which determined that President Gloria won.

Question 1: Do you think President Gloria won only because she cheated?

Question 2: Do you think she should resign?

SWS and Pulse Asia would never have used such an approach.

The introductory statements were actually worse in their recent polls. The statements and questions were in Filipino. Their translation of the sentence "President Gloria admitted calling a Comelec official" was: "*Inamin ni Pangulong Gloria na kinausap niya ang isang Comelec official.*"

The common usage of "*inamin*" is "confessed," as to a crime. But the President never confessed to a crime. And if you were an ordinary Filipino being told by a pollster that your President admitted to a crime, wouldn't you agree that he or she should be ousted?

Polls, with their flaws, can never be the basis for political action. They can never substitute for representative, republican democracy.

Some 236 representatives of the people studied in detail the impeachment charges and debated over them for weeks. The majority, 158 of them, decided to junk the complaints, and only 51, less than a fourth of them, wanted her impeached. Contrast that to Estrada's case, when 115 members of Congress voted for his impeachment.

Bamboos, carabaos and a whiff of fresh air

MUCH has been written and said about us Filipinos: that we have a damaged culture, that we are a wounded people, that we are resilient like the bamboo, and tolerant of suffering and abuse to the point of masochism like a carabao.

Truly, we do not react strongly to whatever right or wrong that is done to us as a people; we suffer in silence even when injustice is done directly to us, and we allow ourselves to be led by the nose even when we know we are headed toward disaster. Indeed, like bamboos and carabaos.

Thus, it was like a whiff of fresh air blowing in when young members of the House of Representatives, despite the odds and partisan pressures, stood up for their principles in the discussions on impeachment. Recently, a group of young soldiers revolted against corruption in the armed forces. Students, professors and businessmen are demanding change in the government.

I think it is crucial for all of us Filipinos to change ourselves now, our values, our attitudes. The crisis we are facing as a people is probably the crucible we need to change ourselves.

I pray that out of the ashes of our old selves, somebody will emerge to do what is right for our country and people. No, not from the discredited *trapos* who think and act only for their personal interests at the country's expense. It should be somebody, even an ordinary person, with integrity to guide our ship of state safely through dangerous waters.

The Ark was steered by an ordinary man and survived the great flood. The Titanic was steered by professionals but it sank.

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER LETTERS

No cash advances; firm not sequestered

I WRITE in reply to the column of Victor C. Agustin, which appeared in the Sept. 2 issue of the INQUIRER.

In that article, I was accused, without basis, of taking out a cash advance of P390 million from a purportedly sequestered corporation. Nothing can be farther from the truth. I did not avail myself of any cash advances from Philcomsat Holdings Corp. and the company is not a sequestered corporation. It is in fact a publicly listed corporation with several shareholders. For the record, the shares of the corporation are freely traded on the bourse.

Regarding the transaction referred to in his latest column involving certain pieces of property along Investment Drive, Madrigal Business Park in Alabang, it was in fact approved by the board of directors of the concerned corporations and subsequently ratified by its shareholders.

Also, in the event that the transaction is fully implemented, no member of the Araneta family will end up owning Philcomsat. Clearly, all the narrations in his column were a product of his speculation and vivid imagination.

The harm having been done, I trust that the appropriate rectification on this matter shall be made.

—BENITO R. ARANETA,
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Alabang, Muntinlupa City

Trust a cheater?

I JUST want to give my comments on some points raised in the Aug. 4 editorial of the INQUIRER, which was titled "Surprises."

I agree that the opposition members should have really worked hard in convincing their colleagues to join them. As the editorial pointed out, they should have come up with strong evidence to counter the majority's tactics.

Well, for my part, I also want Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to resign or be impeached, for how could we trust somebody who fooled us by cheating in the elections?

—MARLO MONTENEGRO,
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From Naujan, Mindoro

IN CONNECTION with the column of Rina Jimenez-David, which was titled "Gift to a hometown" (PDI, 8/23/05), we wish to clarify that Jolly Ting, a very successful businessman, is a native of Naujan, Oriental Mindoro and not of Calapan City.

His brother, Vicente, was my classmate at St. Vincent's Academy in the town of Naujan.

—PAUL R. MORTEL,
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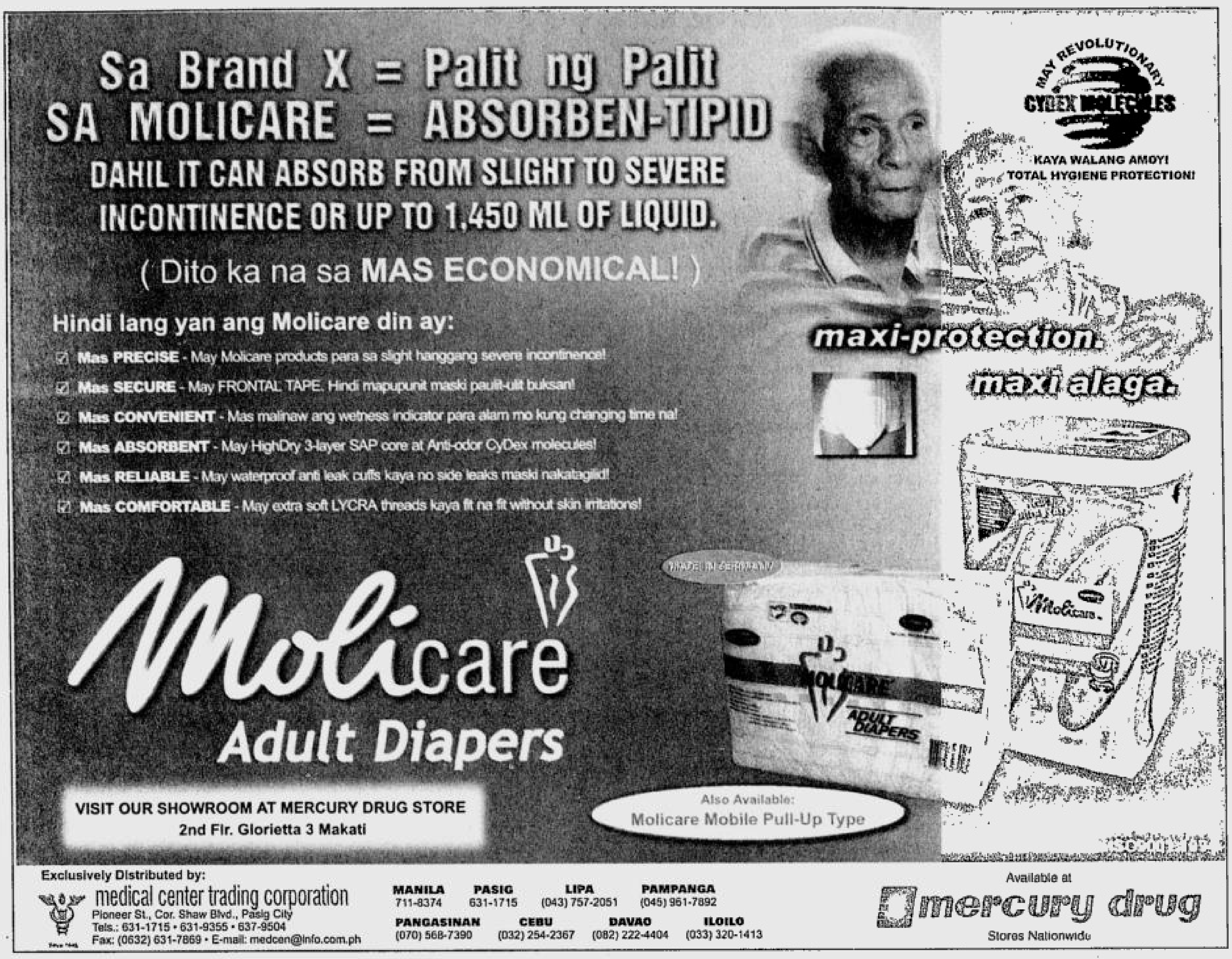
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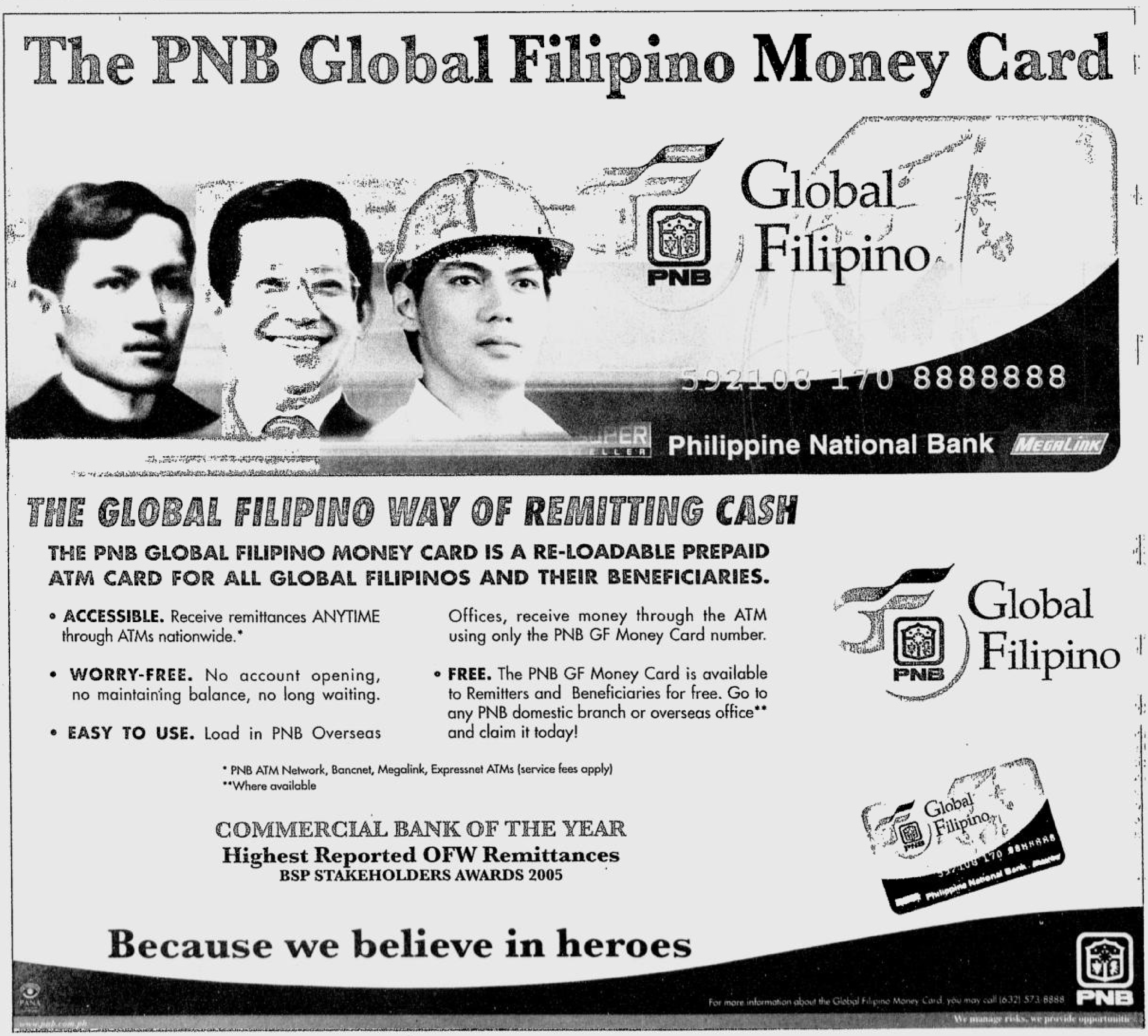
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Bishop turns down food from Batangas governor

LIPA CITY—ON THESE DAYS OF CONVERSION, reparation and consecration, food bought by alleged "jueteng" money is a big no-no for the praying populace.

Lipa Archbishop Ramon Arguelles yesterday urged members of the archdiocese not to accept the packed food that was sponsored by Batangas Gov. Armando Sanchez for today's National Day of Prayer and Consecration at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel convent here.

Arguelles said many people had called him up about Sanchez's sponsored food for the event, which they thought was not good for the Church.

Sanchez has been identified in Senate hearings on the illegal numbers racket as the jueteng lord of Batangas.

"Many people inquired from me if it was true that the governor was sponsoring food for tomorrow's affair," Arguelles told the INQUIRER over the phone yesterday.

Sister Celine, a nun from the archdiocese, confirmed the information.

"Upon serious reflection, especially in the context of media allegations about the Church accepting donations from questionable sources, may I respectfully ask the proper persons to inform the donors that we are grateful for the goodwill but we regret to refrain from accepting the offer," Arguelles said.

Last week, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. released papers indicating that the company had indeed donated millions of pesos to the Catholic Church.

This, despite the Church's criticisms against gambling.

Day of fasting

Arguelles said people were not even encouraged to eat too much during the celebration.

"In the first place, we encourage the people to fast during the National Day of Prayer and Consecration. If they need food, they can buy from the poor beneficiaries of Pondong Batangan," the archbishop said.

But lawyer Ronaldo Geron, provincial administrator, said the refusal to accept the packed food-was unfair for the governor.

In a text message to the archbishop, Geron said Sanchez didn't offer to bring the food.

"The governor never offered to bring the food. He was asked to sponsor the 2,000 food packs. This is quite unfair to him," Geron said.

So, who asked Sanchez to bring the food?

Arguelles said the archdiocese and the organizing committee had not asked the provincial government for such favor. "We have never authorized anyone to make such request."

He said they were expecting more than 10,000 people to attend the National Day of Prayer. *Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

CAP bigwigs ask plan holders to seek SEC leniency

BAGUIO CITY—OFFICIALS OF THE College Assurance Plan on Saturday asked plan holders in Northern Luzon to pressure the Securities and Exchange Commission into giving the pre-need firm leniency, to enable it to sell its frozen assets and pay its obligations for 2005.

A group of plan holders gathered around the CAP Baguio building to picket a conference of the country's regional CAP managers.

Zenaida Alonzo, a Baguio-based plan holder, organized more than 3,000 CAP plan holders in the city to march on Saturday, but she suspended the activity after their representatives were allowed to speak to CAP officials.

Jose Montoya, CAP senior vice president, told Alonzo that selling CAP assets is the pre-need firm's immediate solution to its trust fund's current shortfall.

Reports place this shortfall at P17 billion, which is computed from an estimated P25.6-billion liability.

One of the CAP plan holders who participated in the picket on Saturday broke down.

Describing herself as a retired farmer, the plan holder said she poured all her earnings into the pre-need firm for four grandchildren.

"I have nothing more to give them [now that CAP is unable to return her investments]," she said.

Alonzo said she was tipped off about the CAP meeting here that was supposedly attended by the pre-need firm's founder, Enrique Sobrepeña.

CAP security personnel refused to confirm Sobrepeña's presence.

Montoya refused to meet with reporters and CAP officials were not available to confirm Alonzo's version of their dialogue.

Alonzo said Montoya asked the plan holders for a five-day reprieve to allow CAP time to await the decision of a Makati Regional Trial Court regarding their petition to pursue an eight-year rehabilitation plan instead of a SEC-supervised management overhaul.

The SEC has suspended CAP's dealer license over allegations that it mishandled its trust fund.

"[Montoya told us] that CAP will not confront SEC directly… So he asked us to individually send SEC petitions to allow them to liquidate their frozen assets [should the court rule against CAP]," she said.

"Plan holders really have no choice but to wait. They told us it's really our gamble, but we have to work hand in hand," Alonzo said.

"If the scenario is CAP loses its case… [Montoya asked] each of us to begin pressuring the SEC into granting CAP [its dealer's license] so it can negotiate [terms with new investors]… because no revenue is flowing into CAP," she said.

Alonzo said they were told that 70 percent of CAP's plan holders have stopped paying their insurance dues, and the remaining 30 percent of plan holders pay intermittently because of the credibility issues SEC raised against all pre-need firms.

But plan holders are studying their options. Alonzo acknowledged that petitioning SEC on behalf of CAP might compromise the investigation and prosecution of the firm. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Tourist arrivals rose–Durano

NAGA CITY—DESPITE THE POLITICAL turmoil hounding the country, the number of foreign tourists increased by 14 percent from January to July, according to Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano.

Durano, who was here to open the week-long Bicol version of "Wow Philippines" fiesta, ascertained that the political turmoil had not affected the tourism industry of the Philippines.

Without citing exact figures, he claimed that tourists from Japan, China and Korea knew that the rallies and other political squabbles affected only Metro Manila.

Southern Tagalog and Bicol were among the regions that benefited from the increasing influx of foreign tourists, he said.

Bicol was also becoming a major tourist destination with Lake Buhi and the islets of Caramoan, aside from the majestic Mayon Volcano, gaining popularity.

In a simple ceremony held at Plaza Rizal here, he declared the geothermal field occupied by the Bac-Man geothermal production as an ecotourism site.

Among several areas recognized by the eco-tourism certification of Bac-Man are the Botong Twin Falls, Bat Sanctuary, Inang Maharang Mud Pool and Nagaso Lake.

The 150-megawatt geothermal production field located in the boundary of Bacon, Sorsogon and Manito, Albay started its operation in 1993.

The location of the geothermal field in the mountains also provides a vantage view of Mayon Volcano, Albay Gulf, Bulusan Volcano and Sorsogon Bay. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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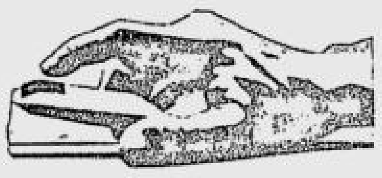

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Lepanto strike ends with ritual

MANKAYAN, BENGUET—THE more than three-month-old strike at Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. (LCMC) here ended on Saturday as representatives of the Lepanto Employees Union (LEU) and the firm signed an agreement that resolved issues on benefits, wages and the dismissal of union officials.

The barricades set up by workers at LCMC mill sites on June 2 was lifted yesterday after union leaders and members of the Kilusang Mayo Uno performed a ritual thanksgiving feast. The striking employees agreed to return to work today.

Presidential Assistant for Cordillera Affairs Thomas Killip, who mediated in the negotiations between the union and management, said the memorandum of agreement declared that the strike officially ended.

But Killip said the agreement would not influence ongoing talks about the firm's collective bargaining agreement (CBA).

The union has accepted the Department of Labor and Employment's decision to raise wages to P25 this year, P26 in 2006, and P27 in 2007. The decision was issued two weeks into the strike.

The increase will be implemented once LCMC and the union finalized their CBA.

The 19 union officers who were earlier dismissed by the company accepted the firm's decision, saying they sacrificed their jobs so the 1,600 other striking workers could return to work.

Ninian Langagan, LEU president and among those discharged, said it became clear that the longer they pursued the strike, "the bigger the possibility that more workers would be terminated."

Langagan signed the settlement documents with union auditor Ronald Naslian, and union members, Julio Papat Jr., Vicente Dilen, Julio Pawilan, Rodrigo Ngetet and Lawrence Farrong.

LCMC lawyers Ronald Recidoro and Teddy Rigoroso, who assumed the negotiations from the company's Mankayan office, signed the agreement on behalf of the mining firm.

Lito Ostares, KMU national vice chair, and Lorico Espejo Jr., KMU Cordillera coordinator, also signed the document as witnesses.

Dionita Farrong, wife of union member Farrong, said she pitied the 19 union officials who won't get their jobs back.

"The strike was a consensus among all LEU members and not just the officers, so we are hurt that they are taking the blame for this," she told the INQUIRER.

But sources said the LEU officers would be granted severance pay as an expression of the firm's goodwill.

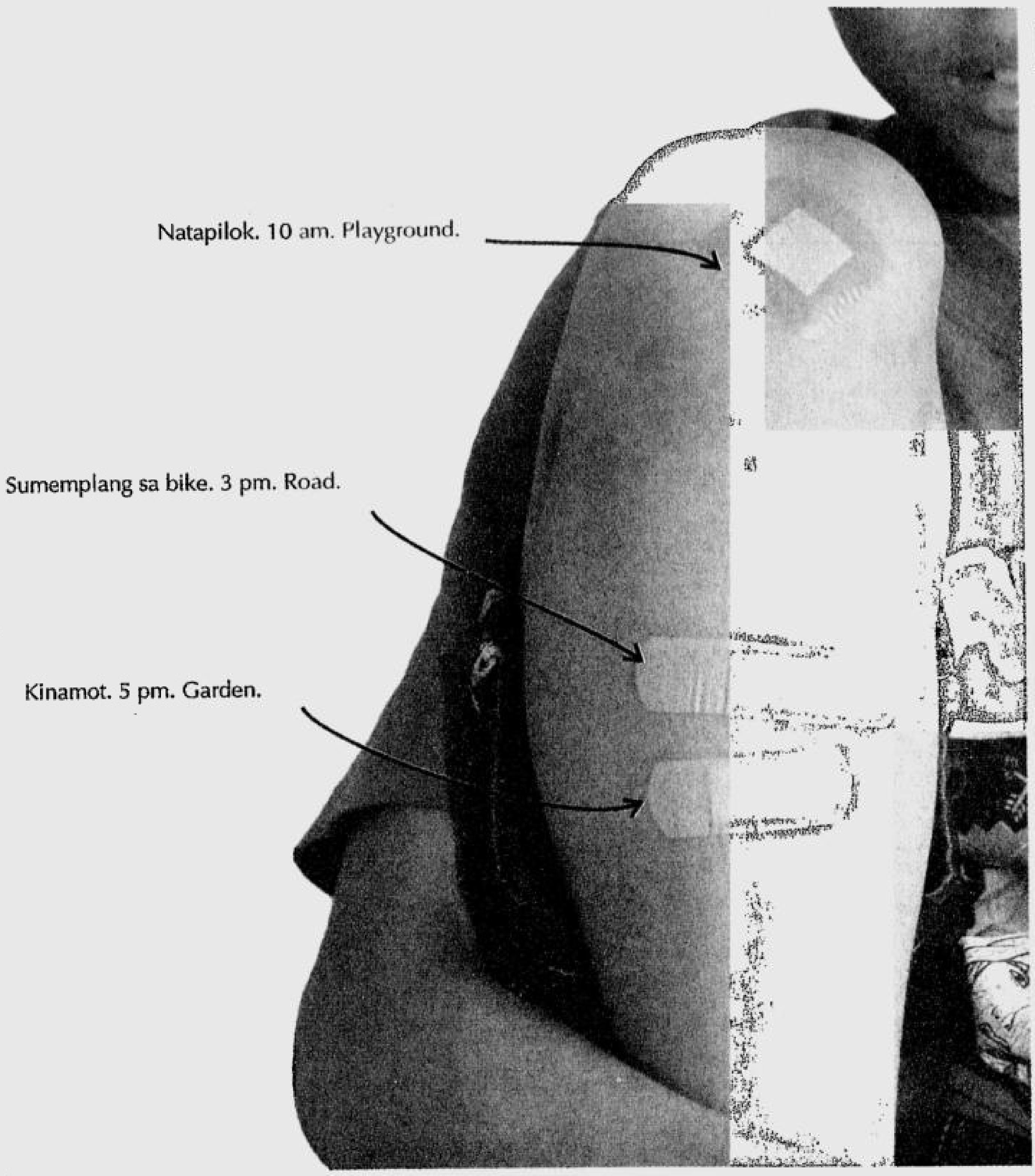
The MOA that resolved the strike was the product of a "final backroom session" that was undertaken by Killip in Manila early this month.

The settlement compels the LEU and LCMC to "foster industrial peace, [allow] unhampered operations and promote productivity." It asks the union "not [to] take action that shall violate industrial peace."

The document also compels LCMC not to take "retaliatory action" against union members who will be returning to work today.

It stated that other employees who were dismissed during the strike would be reinstated.

The MOA asked both the LEU and LCMC to withdraw any pending criminal or civil suit as a result of the labor conflict. *Desirée Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



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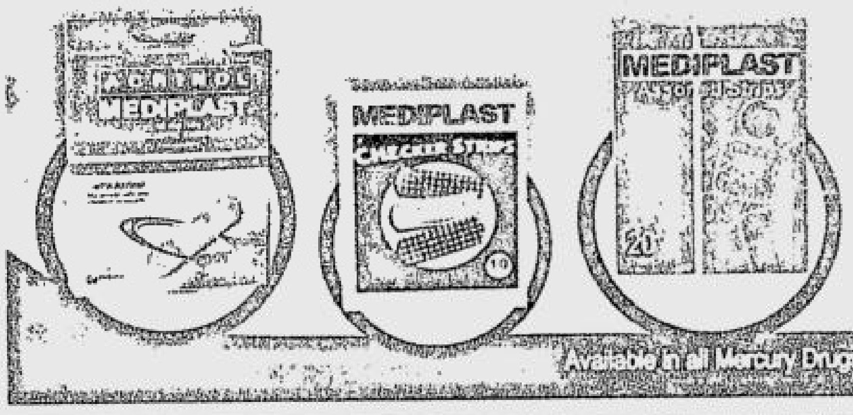

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Negros execs create Asia's 'organic food island'

BACOLOD CITY—GOVERNORS Joseph Marañon of Negros Occidental and George Arnaiz of Negros Oriental have signed the articles of incorporation for a foundation that will make Negros Island the "Organic Food Island of Asia."

The governors inked the articles of incorporation at the Capitol here on Tuesday for the creation of the Negros Island Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Foundation.

"We failed to have an island region but we have realized a one-island project [that will create more jobs]," he said.

Arnaiz said the foundation will make Negros the "Organic Food Island of Asia," by producing organic poultry, livestock, sugar and fertilizer."

On Aug. 4, both governors signed a memorandum of agreement for the Negros Island Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Program in the presence of President Macapagal-Arroyo in Tanjay City in Negros Oriental.

One of its mid-term visions is to use 10 percent or about 80,000 hectares of the island's agricultural land for organic production, said businessman Edgardo Uychiat, a member of the foundation's board of trustees.

Among its projects will be the establishment of the Negros Agribusiness Processing Zone in Sagay City in Negros Occidental that will have a 170-hectare model site for sustainable development, he said.

Some of the goals of the foundation are to create 200,000 job opportunities, make Negros the home of the Southeast Asia Organic Training Center and export organic processed food to Japan, Europe, the United States and Australia, Uychiat said.

He said Negros Island wanted to tap into the organic food world market that earns $25 billion a year. *Carla P. Gomez and Alex V. Pal, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Hot lumber seized in Quezon

LUCENA CITY—TWO WEEKS AFTER GOVERNMENT forces foiled the attempted smuggling of P4 million worth of illegal lumber in Mauban town, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Quezon on Wednesday confiscated another stock of illegally cut lumber worth P1 million in the same coastal town, 157 km east-southeast of Manila.

Insp. Javier Baasis said in a report that police and DENR officials raided the illegal band sawmill in Barangay Balay-balay, reportedly owned by village chair Serafin de la Cruz.

The report said 400 flitches of assorted hardwood species with an estimated volume of 35,000 board feet were found floating in the nearby Marangli River.

Emrich Borja, provincial environment and natural resources officer (Penro), however, said only 270 pieces of lumber were seized.

He suspected that the lumber were illegally cut in the mountains between General Nakar town and Dingalan, Aurora, and were transported to Mauban by tugboats from the Pacific Ocean.

Authorities believed a big-time financier could be behind De la Cruz.

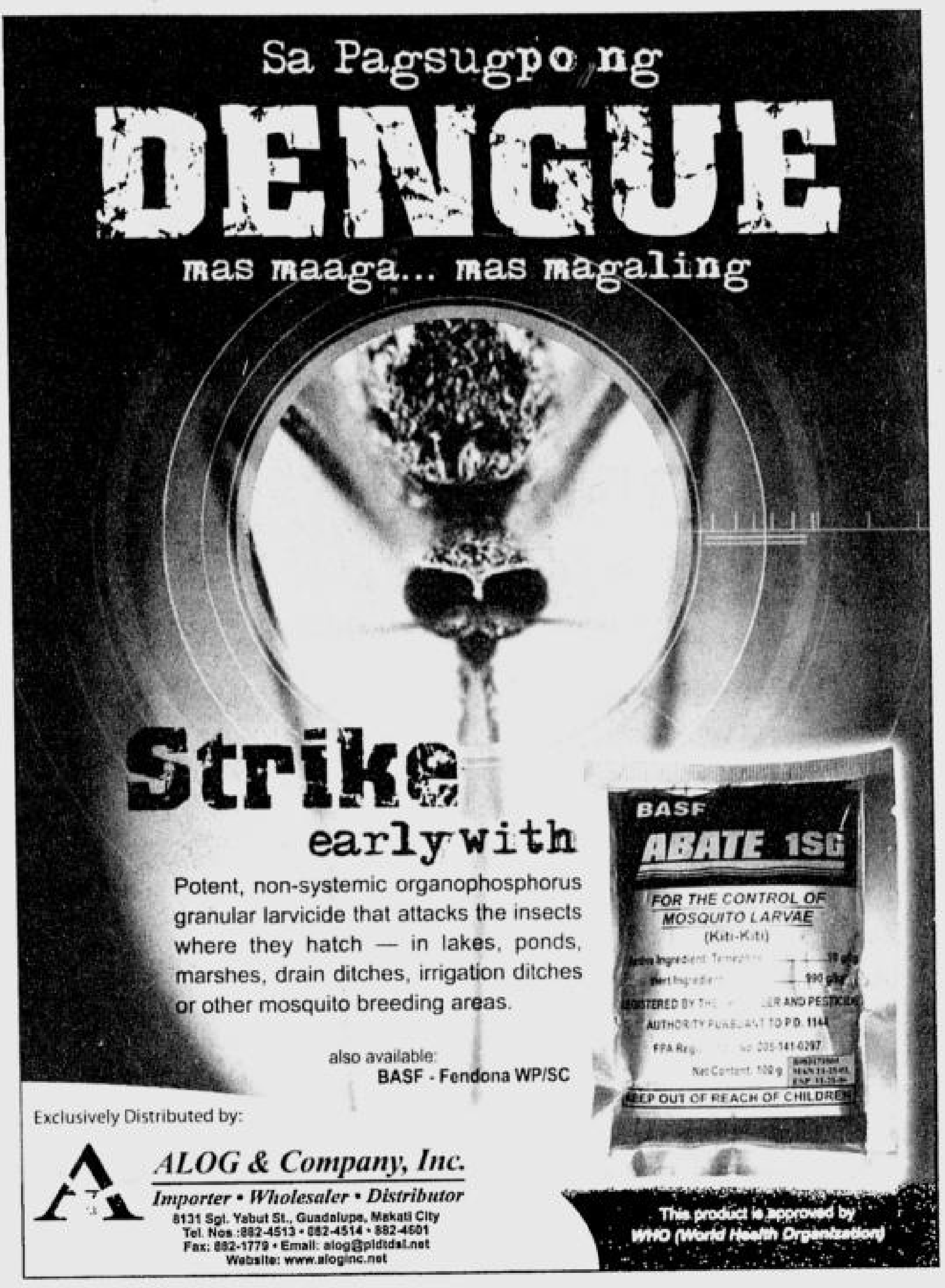
Last year, Quezon board member Eladio Pasamba, a native of Mauban, revealed the existence of the "Mauban Boys," an illegal logging syndicate based in the coastal town at the northern tip of the Sierra Madre.

Mauban officials scored Environment Secretary Michael Defensor's order to investigate the local police in connection with the foiled smuggling of illegally cut logs two weeks ago.

Mayor Fernando Llamas and the Association of Barangay Captains were furious over the relief of the town's police chief, Insp. Fernando Reyes III.

"We've done our police job. We've contributed our own intelligence work for the success of the operation. We've already filed the appropriate criminal charges in court, then why now this investigation against us as if we're the culprit?" Reyes lamented.

Defensor, who imposed a log ban nationwide except for three regions, accused the Mauban police of ineptitude and involvement in the transport of illegal logs. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*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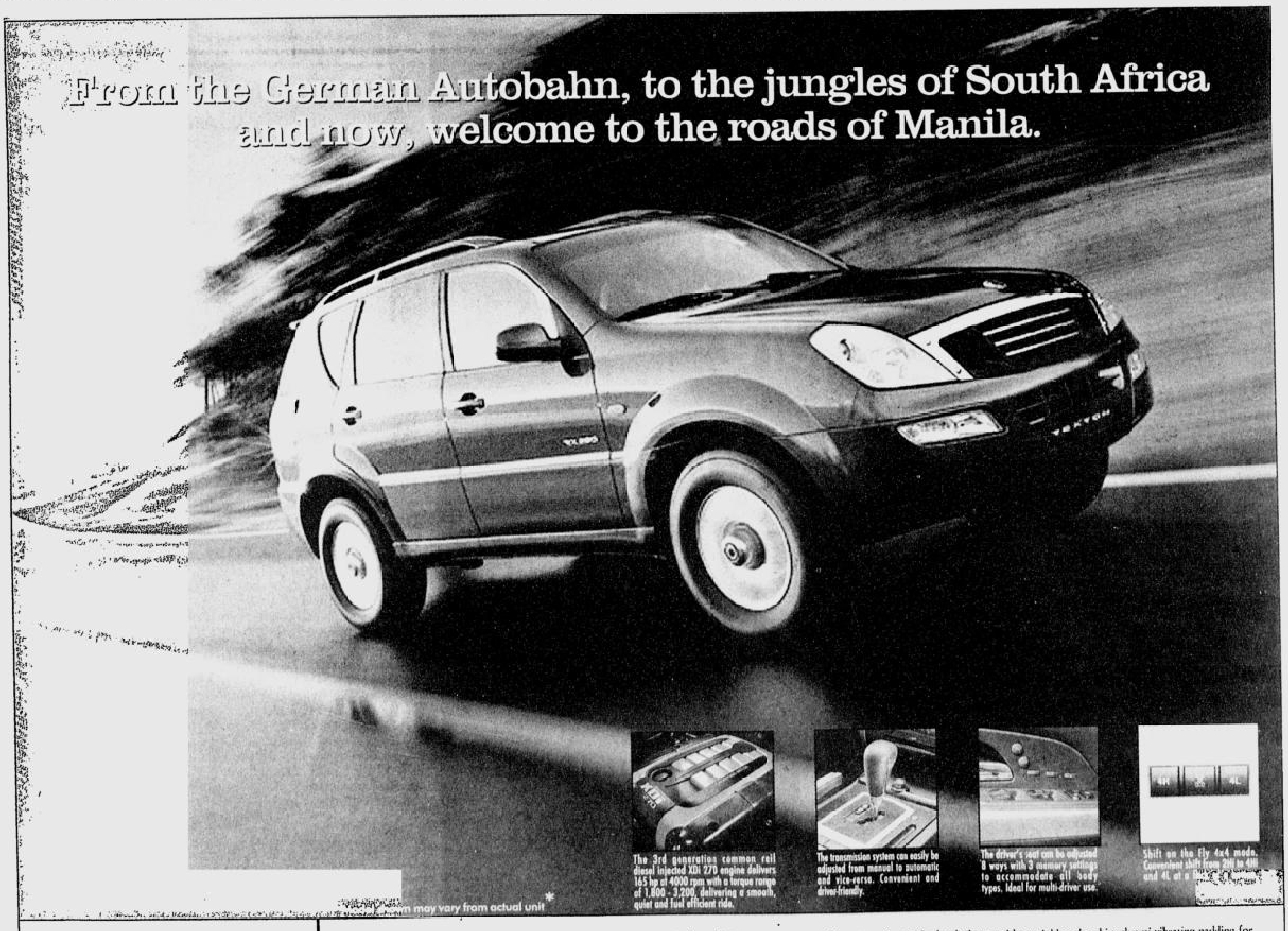
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Rose petals, confetti shower on Junjie funeral

By Hazel P. Villa
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—THE FLASHY AND generous Fernando "Junjie" Javellana Lopez Jr., namesake of the former Philippine Vice President, would have surely approved of the shower of flowers from a Cessna plane and the show of affection from family and friends during his wake and interment.

Lopez Jr., 74, died of complications from diabetes that followed a massive stroke [not aneurysm of the brain as reported earlier] at the Iloilo Mission Hospital on Sept. 6.

News of the Lopez scion's hospitalization and death again captivated city residents, who have been treated to over a decade's show of his opulence, big-heartedness, and succeeding "downfall" from overspending.

Family members led by former Iloilo Rep. Alberto Lopez Sr., 72, interred Lopez Jr.'s ashes contained in an 8-by-6 inches stainless silver urn at the Lopez Family Mausoleum in Jaro District yesterday at 10:30 a.m.

About 200 relatives, friends, and employees from Lopez-owned companies attended the interment rites officiated by Rev. Rodolfo Napiar, chaplain of the family-owned University of Iloilo.

The throng that used to ask help from the billionaire bachelor had visited his wake from Wednesday until Saturday evening when his cremated remains were brought back from Cebu City.

Based on the amount of food served in the four-day wake, visitors, excluding relatives, who paid their last respects numbered more than a thousand, said Allana Lopez-Montelibano, a grand-niece of Lopez Jr.

Rose petals

The interment was highlighted by a shower of confetti and 150 kilos of rose petals on the funeral cortege of Lopez Jr. from the St. Clements Church in La Paz District last Friday all the way to the MV Asia Philippines in Fort San Pedro that brought his remains to Cebu at 6 p.m. of the same day.

The body of Lopez Jr. was cremated at the Cebu Rolling Hills Memorial Chapels Inc. in Mandaue City from 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Meeting his coffin 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the wharf and accompanying it to Rolling Hills were nephew Robert Lopez Puckett, president of Solar Electric Co. Inc., and niece-in-law Sarah Opolencia-Peña, family friends Tom and Dave Griffin, and five Lopez family aides.

Puckett and Peña brought back the stainless silver urn containing the Lopez elder's ashes to Iloilo at 5 p.m. on the same day via Cebu Pacific.

Puckett, carrying the urn, was welcomed at the tarmac by a phalanx of fatigue-clad honor guards from the Lopez-owned University of Iloilo who walked him all the way to the exit gate of the Iloilo Airport.

A convoy of cars accompanied Puckett and company to the Lopez family colonial mansion in La Paz District where a Mass was held at the family chapel at 7 p.m.

Emily Relucio-Lopez, former Guimaras governor and sister-in-law of Lopez Jr. said the family decided on cremation because it was the most hygienic and the modern way, claiming that Lopez Jr. never objected to his being cremated during casual family conversations in the past.

Lopez Jr.'s remains was also transported to Cebu via ship because he was afraid of heights and abhorred riding on a plane unless extremely necessary and if ever he did, he took along a bagful of medications to allay his nervousness, said Allana Lopez-Montelibano, one of his frequent travel companions.

Not penniless

Alberto Lopez Sr. brushed away reports that his brother died penniless.

"You can't say he was broke. He had a hundred million pesos left when he died. The money is with the family," said Alberto on Thursday evening.

He explained that his elder brother had a share of P100 million from some undivided estate of patriarch Fernando Sr. and P25 million in a trust fund for his old age, hospitalization and other needs.

"These were not given to him because he will surely dissipate it in a week. We don't know how long he would live and we are concerned that he would have something to use in the last years of his life," said Alberto Sr.

He added that in the days his brother claimed he was broke, Lopez Jr. was actually receiving allowances from his trust fund and pocket money from Albert, nephews, nieces and other relatives.

The same trust fund also took care of his daily needs, groceries, medicines and other incidentals, said Alberto Sr., but the amount was not in the grand scale of his brother's excesses.

Two Lopez family members based in Manila from the line of Eugenio Lopez Sr., the former vice president's only brother, attended the Sept. 9 necrological Mass at 2 p.m. in Iloilo officiated by Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo.

Eugenio Sr.'s son Oscar Lopez, chair of the board of BenPres Holdings and First Philippine Holdings was with his sister Precy Lopez-Psinakis.

They both arrived before lunchtime at the Iloilo Airport in Mandurriao on board a 12-seater Lear Jet private plane and returned to Manila right after the necrological service that ended at 3:30 p.m.

Among other luxury items, Lopez Jr. owned a 28-foot long white Lincoln Town Car stretch limousine costing about P8 million at current prices, a wrought-iron Cinderella type carriage drawn by two white Arabian horses and more than eight houses.

Withdrawals

He inherited part of his late father's P1.2-billion inheritance money when the latter died on May 26, 1993.

A year after, no one could stop Lopez Jr. from a lavish spending spree. The INQUIRER was shown Lopez Jr.'s passbook from the Bank of the Philippine Islands dated January 1996 to March 1997 which showed that his biggest balance was P40 million and the least was P4 million.

His biggest withdrawal was P1.3 million on March 31, 1997 and his average withdrawal on any given day was from P250,000 to P300,000. Aides said Lopez Jr. had many passbooks.

Relucio-Lopez said that while her brother-in-law spent much on luxury items, he also spent as much for the schooling of many poor people, setting up businesses for them and even spending for the chemotherapy of several cancer patients.

"He has a big heart for the poor, which he got from his mother and father. He always shared whatever he had with others," said Relucio-Lopez.

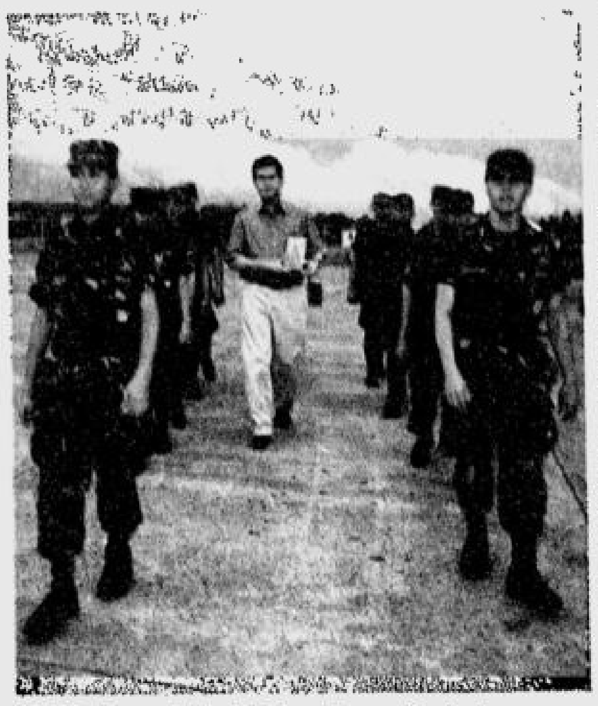
Limousine

However in 2001, when most of his money was running out, he sold his Cinderella-type carriage to former Iloilo City councilor and businessman Pascual "Toto" Espinosa for P300,000. A Lopez source said the original price of the carriage was double its selling price.

The Lincoln Town stretch limousine was pawned off for P360,000 to Dr. Antonio Chu, a businessman who lives on Iznart Street, in June 2002, said Rey Pasco, the bodyguard of Lopez Jr. in the last 10 years.

Just last month, Lopez Jr. requested Pasco to redeem the limo at P1.5 million from Chu to which the doctor agreed. But the Lopez scion had yet to produce the money.

Puckett said the limousine's actual worth was P1.375 million, including taxes and freight, it amounted to P2.95 million in 1996. At current prices, it is worth about P8 million, he said.



HONOR guards flank Robert Lopez Puckett, nephew of the late Fernando Lopez Jr., as he carries the urn with his uncle's ashes yesterday late afternoon after disembarking from a plane from Cebu where the elder Lopez was cremated. HAZEL VILLA

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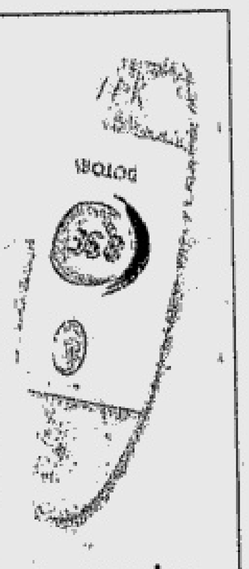

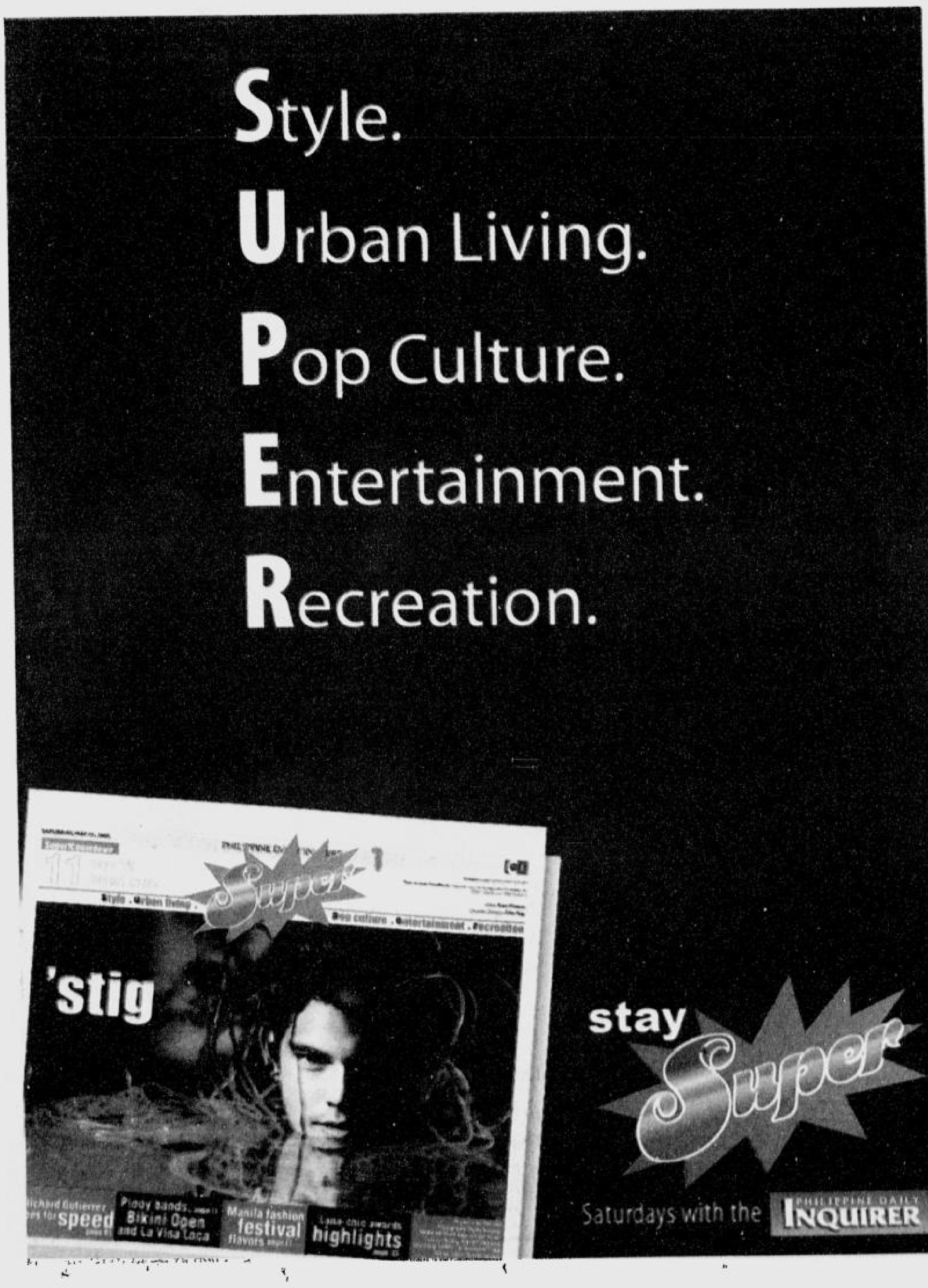

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KIDAPAWAN CITY—At least 40 people in Magpet, North Cotabato have been placed under close observation by health authorities after feasting on the meat of a suspected rabid dog this week. Two weeks ago, the dog bit its owner, Teresita Estaniol, who died on Sept. 2. Authorities said the residents butchered the dog four days before Estaniol died. One of those who ate the *kilawin* (meat cooked in vinegar) said they were not aware that Estaniol died of rabies. "We have been eating dog meat for quite sometime now so we did not hesitate to cook Estaniol's dog," the man said. Dr. Enrico Garzon, North Cotabato provincial veterinarian, said those who slaughtered, cooked and prepared the dog meat were also put under observation. Magpet Mayor Efren Piñol Sr. appealed to those who ate the dog meat to step forward and seek medical attention. He said the municipal government is preparing P200,000 to help the residents foot the bill for the vaccination.

Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Ex-mayor's slay suspect yields after 5 yrs

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—One of two suspected killers of a former mayor in Bulacan almost five years ago surrendered on Thursday to Sen. Richard Gordon and Chief Supt. Alejandro Lapinid, Central Luzon police director, police said. The suspect, former PO1 Rodelio de la Torre, gave himself up after a month-long negotiation with Olongapo City officials through his relatives. His co-accused, former PO3 Felix Valencia, has been arrested in the United States and is facing deportation. The two were accused of murdering former Mayor Esteban Paulino of Doña Remedios Trinidad, his driver and bodyguard Jim Mariel Venturina, and an escort, PO1 Teofilo Avellanosa, on Dec. 4, 2000 at Barangay Baybay in Angat, Bulacan. Police said the arrest of the two suspects carried a reward of P325,000 each on their head. De la Torre claimed innocence and told police he did not take part in the slayings, said Senior Supt. Perfecto Palad, operations chief of the regional police.

Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Solon, 4 others hurt in mishap

CAUAYAN CITY—Isabela Rep. Faustino Dy III and four others, including his son, were hurt on Sept. 8 when their vehicle hit a stalled 10-wheel truck on the national highway in Diadi, Nueva Vizcaya. Dy said he, his son Kiko and two security aides suffered only minor bruises when their Ford E150 van hit the truck at Barangay Nagsabaran in Diadi at about 4:30 a.m. He said their seatbelts and the van's airbags helped cushion them from the impact of the collision. Dy said another aide, PO2 Herminio Dalog, was taken to a hospital after his head hit their vehicle's windshield.

Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

F. Maghanoy; 54

ALABEL, Sarangani—The leader of an anti-corruption group, which has charged several former provincial officials with graft, succumbed to lung cancer around 12:15 a.m. Sunday. Fr. Fred Maghanoy, 54, chair of the Sarangani People's Action for Reform and Good Governance (Spare-Go), was instrumental in the success of the people's anti-corruption crusade in the province. Along with other officials of Spare-Go, Maghanoy initiated the filing of administrative and criminal complaints against former vice governor Felipe Constantino, former board member Marlind Marcelo and several other provincial officials and employees for the P46-million fund releases to ghost cooperatives. Protestant Pastor Avelino Sichon, Spare-Go vice chair, described Maghanoy as a real servant of God. "He did not only serve but he lived and struggled with his people," he said.

Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau

I. Siquian; 66

BENITO SOLIVEN, Isabela—Mayor Isidro Siquian died after a heart attack in his house in Barangay Centro here on Sunday morning, his relatives said. He was 66. Siquian served as mayor in the 1970s and 1980s and reassumed leadership of the town in 2004. Local government employees described the late mayor as a strict and honest official. Siquian is survived by his three children.

Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Energy crisis forces lifestyle change all over RP

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he has given up the comfort of his Starex van for a 1.6-liter Toyota sedan.

"I don't mind using a smaller car as long as I can contribute to the austerity program," says the chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Across the archipelago, Filipinos are taking to walking, using bicycles instead of motorcycles, trading scooters for cars, and keeping cars at home to get on buses and jeeps to go to school or office.

Defining needs from wants

Because the effects of galloping fuel prices are all-embracing, the crunch is felt in so many ways. Coping for many means reordering priorities, defining needs from wants and making do with what's affordable.

Comments like these were typical in a survey the INQUIRER conducted using its nationwide network of reporters:

"We now use firewood instead of LPG"—Roland Cabitac, Ivana, Batanes.

"I now use a bicycle instead of motorcycle to save on fuel"—Genhis Aguto, government employee, Batanes.

"We lessen the number of hours watching television and using electric fans"—Evangeline Agudo, teacher, Batanes.

In Tuguegarao, Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan has urged priests, lay workers and parishioners in Cagayan province to help conserve energy by walking or taking public transportation when they visit nearby villages and towns. He also tells priests to turn off unused appliances and lights in churches and rectories.

Even affluent households are pinching pennies.

"Instead of dining in a restaurant with my family every Sunday, we opted to have it every other week," says Myrnalyn Famor, a travel agency manager in Pagadian City.

"Instead of buying signature or branded clothes, I learned to 'surf' or buy in '*ukay-ukay*' stores," Famor says.

She used to travel a lot with her husband and child. "Now that prices have been going up we decided to cancel our plans and save the money instead," she says.

No more eating out

For Larry Pactores, a Pagadian store manager, there is no more eating out on Sundays. "I learned how to cook so that my family can still eat good food," Pactores says.

"I own a motorbike and I like to go places alone but because of the rise in oil prices, I stay home and conserve gas," he adds.

Lovely Aballe, a sales clerk in Pagadian, complains: "My boyfriend doesn't take me to expensive restaurants anymore. Our dates to restaurants were replaced with going to fast-food shops," says Aballe.

Nancy Derequito, an accountant in Cagayan de Oro City, says she used to prepare three viands in one meal.

"We reduced it to only two," says Derequito. "We do away with dining out, we better spend it for buying meat, fish, etc. Watching movies has been reduced, malling too!"

Only one TV set

Gonzalo Aguirre, president of the Department of Education Employees Association in Cagayan de Oro, says that in the evenings, he always checks that lights are off in rooms where they're not needed.

"Only one television is turned on and the majority's choice of channel will be watched," says Aguirre.

"I used to take a two-ride route from home to school," says Jehan Abu in Cotabato City. Now, Abu takes a 15-minute walk to one ride to school.

"It changes my daily routine because I have to leave home early. It also gives me the chance to exercise through walking. I save about P8 a day by taking only one ride to school," Abu says.

Felicitas Borromeo says she and her husband leave the family car at home and take public transport.

"We save some amount for other household expenditures. Added to this, my husband also decided to quit smoking ... hitting two birds with one stone: improved health and save some amount," says Borromeo, an office worker in Cotabato City.

From private to public school

Emmanuel Traya says that for some customers, her *lumpia* had become expensive.

"My mother, too, complains because the prices of the ingredients for *lumpia* have doubled," says Traya, a high-school student at the Nograles National High School in Davao City.

"Marginalized Filipinos are feeling the brunt more. Even the children can't afford to go to school. The sad thing is that government has no formula to address the pressing issues," says Eid Kabalu, spokesperson of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Increasingly, parents are moving their children from private to public schools.

"Much as I would like to send them to the best schools, I have to find ways to make [both] ends meet for us to survive," says Gigi Balde, a single mother of two.

A call center agent, Balde also has gotten rid of her children's nanny. Her mother looks after the children while she's at work.

"I only allow my kids to watch television on weekends and we all now sleep in one room to save on electricity. No aircon for us. It's now a no-no," she says.

Farmer Melicio Cañete used to sell his small farm's produce at Nepa Q-Mart in Cubao, Quezon City, where his yams, string beans, peanuts and eggplants fetched reasonably good prices.

One-way fare from his San Jose del Monte City home in Bulacan to Nepa Q-Mart was P15 before. It is now P35. It is no longer worth his while to make the trip.

Cañete now sells his vegetables at the nearby Litex market, where competition is a little stiff. *Reports from Christine O. Avendaño, Blanche Rivera, Tina G. Santos, Dona Pazzibugan, Margaux C. Ortiz, Nancy C. Carvajal and Jocelyn R. Uy in Manila; Michael Sarcauga, Grace Cantal-Albasin, Edwin O. Fernandez, Dennis Jay C. Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Juliet Cataluña, Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, Cristina Arzadon, Villamor Visaya Jr., Melvin Gascon, Donna Demetillo, Joya Santos-Doctor, Ben Moses Ebreo, Leoncio Balbin Jr. and Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; Tonette Orejas, Carmela Reyes, Anselmo Roque and Cesar Villa, PDI Central Luzon Desk; and Jofelle P. Tesorio, Gil Francis G. Arevalo, Leo Martin B. Ganace, Romulo O. Ponte, Madonna T. Virola, Job Belen, Michael Jaucian, Mei Magsino and Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

PRICE INCREASE

	2003	2005	Price change
Petroleum prices[1]			
Diesel (per liter)	P 15.61	P 31.30	97%
Unleaded (per liter)	20.07	33.79	66%
LPG (11-kg cylinder)	273.00	398.75	46%
	2004	**2005**	**Price change**
Transportation fares[2]			
Jeepney	P 5.50	P 7.50	36%
Non-aircon bus	6.00	8.00	33%
Domestic air fare:			
Manila-Davao (1-way)	3,873.00	4,823.00	25%
Manila-Cebu (1-way)	3,163.00	3,933.00	24%
Aircon bus	9.00	10.00	11%
Utilities[3]			
Electricity, generation charge for 190 kwh*	P 631.05	P 937.92	49%
Water, basic charge for 30 cu.m*	158.56	212.58	34%
*average household consumption			
Basic food commodities, peso per kg[2]			
Red onion	P 40.00	P 65.00	63%
Tomato	40.00	50.00	25%
Ordinary rice	20.00	22.00	10%
Brown sugar	22.00	24.00	9%
Beef brisket	150.00	160.00	7%
Softdrinks (1.5 L)	30.00	32.00	7%
Fast-food[4] **(in pesos)**	**old price**	**new price**	
Chicken, 1 pc	P 48.00	P 55.00	15%
Burger, w/o cheese	18.00	20.00	11%
Burger, w/ cheese	33.00	35.20	7%
Chicken, 2 pcs	91.00	93.00	2%

[1] petroleum prices on September 2003 & 2005;
[2] transportation fares & commodities prices on September 2004 & 2005;
[3] utilities-generation charge on August 2004 & 2005;
[4] fastfood-old price refers to amounts immediately before prevailing prices

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Even big business reels from rising fuel prices

By Daxim L. Lucas

FOR BIG BUSINESS, CUTTING down on spiraling fuel operating costs comes at a stiff price. It is well worth it over time, as Dole Philippines Inc. has found out.

Last year, Dole saved P70.8 million, or 5.9 million liters of oil, following the implementation of fuel-pinching measures, the Department of Energy said. These included installation of efficient boilers and upgrading old compressed air machines, lighting systems and waste segregation equipment. *(See Special Report in Business, Page B1.)*

Service businesses, such as hotels, are also on the conservation bandwagon, the department said.

Last year, Makati Shangri-La Hotel bought a P10-million building management system to allocate power efficiently. It rehabilitated its air-conditioning units and replaced old lamps with more energy efficient versions, among other things.

The use of oil was whittled down by 436,712 liters worth P5.24 million, the department said.

The new Greenbelt 3 mall—a showcase project of Ayala Land Inc.—pared the use of over 800,000 kilowatts of electricity with the installation of new air-conditioning and water management units.

Since the start of the oil crisis, the Department of Budget and Management has implemented regular monitoring of air-conditioners, rearranged the location of window-type units, installed window blinds to keep out heat, and put in place a car pool system for official trips.

Through these measures, the DBM saved P1.14 million last year, equivalent to 94,720 liters of oil.

Some companies are replacing old cathode ray tube computer monitors with flat, liquid crystal display (LCD) screens. While more expensive to buy, LCD screens are cheaper to operate. They give off less heat, which means lower air-conditioning costs.

Many offices in the Makati and Ortigas business districts are rethinking the use of centralized air-conditioning, escalators and elevators.

Tirol named PDI readers' advocate

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Part of her duties will be to call the attention of editors to violations of the Code of Ethics and failure to observe the Canons of Taste. She will receive complaints from readers, news subjects and news sources and will ask the staff members concerned to give their side.

In some cases a correction or clarification will be made; in other cases sanctions may be imposed on the erring staff member.

Tirol will also coordinate with the Philippine Press Council, which receives complaints from readers about the treatment of stories in the member-papers of the Philippine Press Institute.

Readers may call the readers' advocate at 897-8808, local 342, or send letters to her at readersadvocate@inquirer.com.ph or fax Nos. 897-47-93 and 94, Attn: Readers' Advocate.

Tirol was the editor of PJR Reports, a media monitoring monthly published by the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility, before her appointment as readers' advocate.

She was managing editor and, later, editor of the Sunday Inquirer Magazine in 1990-95. Among the publications that she edited over a nine-year period were the Human Rights Forum, HuHa magazine, Kalayaan newsletter for the Philippine Centennial Commission, Parents magazine, Inter Press Service Bulletin, Mr & Ms magazine and the Sunday Times Magazine.

She has taught at St. Theresa's College High School, St. Scholastica's College, Philippine Women's University and Ateneo de Manila University's Department of Communications.

Tirol was officer in charge of the Ateneo Library of Women's Writings from June 2003 to March 2004 and editorial director of the Office of Research and Publications of the Ateneo from September 1999 to March 2000.

She has written two books, "Public Faces, Private Lives" and "Above the Crowd," both published by Anvil Publishing. She has edited 16 books and contributed to nine others.

Among the awards Tirol has won are the Catholic Author Award from the Asian Catholic Publishers Inc. (2002), National Book Award for Journalism from the Manila Critics Circle for "Public Faces, Private Lives" (2001), National Book Award for Anthology for "Duet for Edsa" in 1996, and "Coming to Terms" in 1994, and the Golden Achievers Award from the City of Lipa (1997).

Tirol holds a degree of Bachelor of Arts, major in Journalism and English, from St. Theresa's College, Manila and Quezon City.

Valdes

Valdes joined the INQUIRER in June 1995. He spearheaded the business development of Job Market in 1995, Libre in 2001 and Just Shop and InqTV in 2004.

He also led in the redesign of the INQUIRER into a slimmer format, resulting in a more convenient and cost-effective newspaper.

Before joining the INQUIRER, Valdes was marketing manager of the International Family Food Services Inc. He was project consultant of the marketing department of RFM Corp.-Dairy Products Group in 1992-93, brand manager of Purefoods Corp.-Meats Division, February to August 1993 and division manager of the Accounts Management Group of PAC/BBDO Worldwide Inc. in 1993-95.

Valdes holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from the University of the Philippines and a Master in Management from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

He was also a faculty member of the commerce department of Assumption College in Makati.

A sportsman, Valdes was a scuba instructor's assistant at Aquaventures Philippines Inc. from 1983 to 1985 and is the founding president of the Philippine Underwater Hockey Club Inc.

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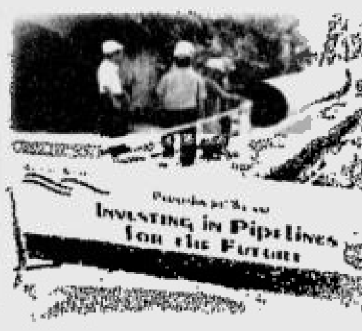
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Manila Water

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Several valve installations on a major pipeline along Quezon Avenue will cause a temporary water interruption beginning 10:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 2005, up to 6:00 a.m., September 14. We apologize for any inconvenience the activity will cause as the shutting off of the water supply is needed to complete the work on the pipeline.

The following areas will experience low water pressure to no water: Brgy. Paligsahan, Kamuning, Laging Handa, Obrero, Roxas, Sacred Heart, South Triangle and Sta. Cruz.

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS STAMPEDE

4 rock fans trampled to death in QC

FOUR YOUNG MEN WERE trampled to death Saturday night when scores of unruly rock fans stampeded into the Amoranto Stadium in Quezon City where a battle of the bands was taking place.

Four other persons: three women and an 18-year-old man, were brought to hospital for injuries suffered when all hell broke loose at the Roces Avenue gate of the stadium at about 8:45 p.m.

The victims were among thousands who wanted to witness the grand finals of the Red Horse beer Muziklaban 2005, a battle of the country's upcoming bands.

Richie Fidelino, a concert organizer, told police that trouble started when the crowd of mostly young men and women became unruly at the gate.

Fidelino told investigator PO3 Joseph Diño that the fans were no longer respecting and following the lines leading to the ticket booth and the entrance.

Amid the confusion, organizers decided to close the gates in an effort to bring some order to the crowd.

However, according to Fidelino, many of those in the throng reportedly felt that the venue was already full and that they would no longer be able to get in, so they began pushing forward.

The crowd pushed open the gates and a stampede ensued.

During the mad rush into the stadium, Al-jay de Dios, 16, a student; Jar-R Greg Sioson, 24, and two other still unidentified young men were trampled upon.

Sioson and De Dios were rushed to the Capitol Medical Center where Sioson was declared dead on arrival.

De Dios reportedly died after being comatose for several hours.

The two unidentified victims were brought to East Avenue Medical Center but failed to make it to the hospital alive.

One of them was described to be between 23-25 years old, about 5'5" in height, medium-built, fair-skinned, and wearing only black underwear.

The other victim was between 25-30 years old, 5'7" in height, medium-built, and wearing denim pants and a black shirt.

Several others were injured.

Police identified four of those hurt as Heartlyn Borromeo, 21, of Antipolo City; Sherylyn Verly, 21, and Kezyah Mabulay, 19, both of Marikina City; and Alfred Angelo Bacani, 18, of San Pedro, Laguna.

But while the situation outside the stadium was described as "wild," the atmosphere inside was considered "normal for a rock concert."

"It was a mob. There was little that the 60-70 guards could do to control the crowd," said Quezon City Police District director Chief Supt. Nicasio Radovan Jr.

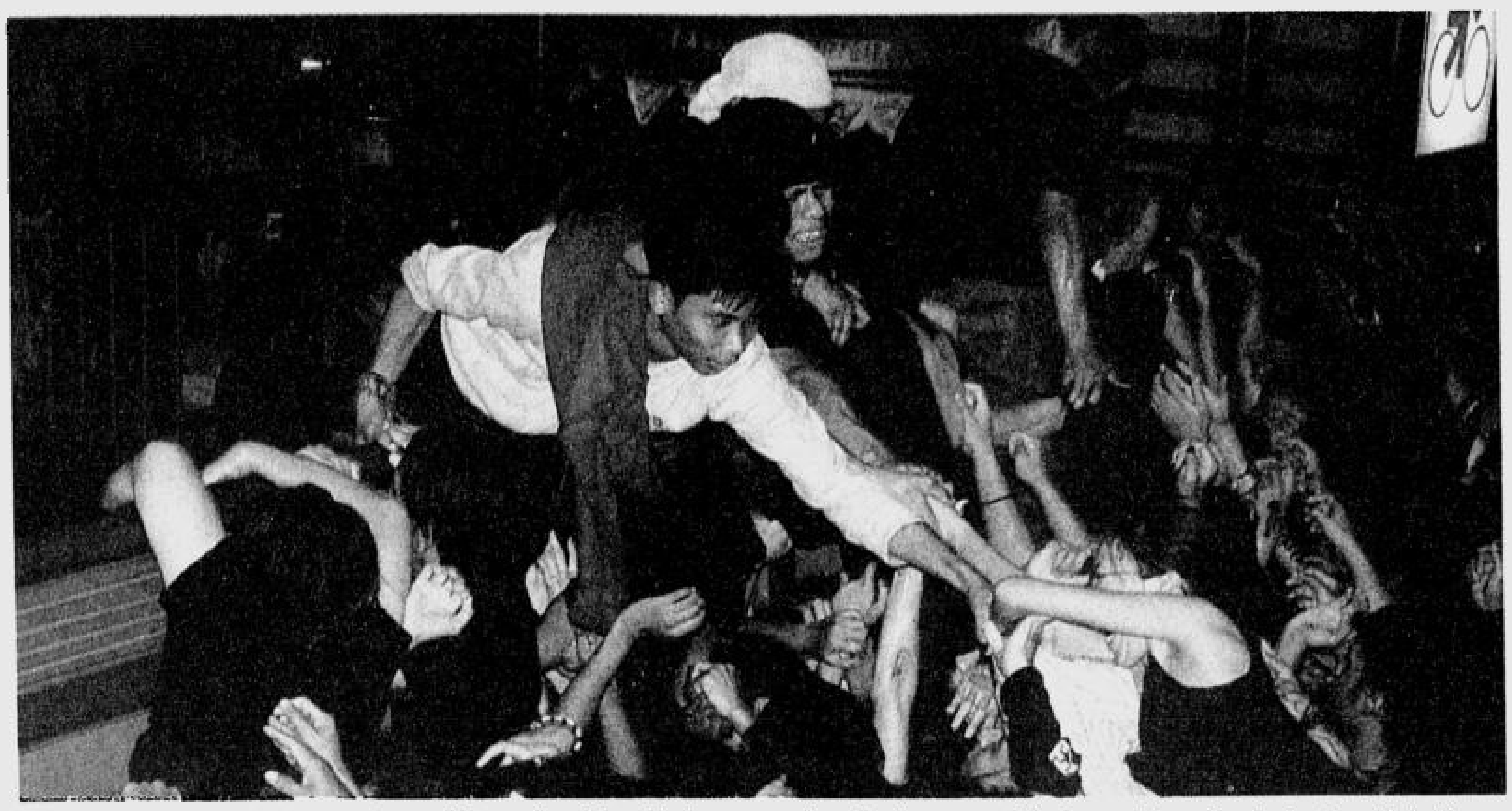
The venue could hold as many as 15,000 guests. Fidelino said that at the time of the stampede only 10,400 tickets had been sold.

Stadium manager Andy Apostol said that there were still "thousands" of people, mostly in black shirts and pants, outside the venue at that time.

Many were reportedly hurt trying to gatecrash by going over the fences.

Diño said the crowd outside the venue became so unruly that hundreds of police and other emergency personnel, including the police antiriot unit, had to be called in to control the situation.

The concert, featuring rock bands like Mayonnaise, Queso, Kamikazee, Greyhoundz, as well as the contest finalists, went on with little incident until about 2:30 a.m., Radovan said. *DJ Yap*



ROCK-HARD determination to witness different bands battling it on stage is etched on many of the faces of these fans trying to get into the Amoranto Stadium by scaling a fence. RAFFY LERMA

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Marikina hero-cops remembered in rites

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

ROSARIO SANTIAGO SMILED when she saw people clap when her husband's name was announced.

The 35-year-old widow may have lost her husband but the memory of his heroism lives on.

Her husband PO3 Victor Santiago was killed in May 2001. He was refueling at a gasoline station when a passenger jeep carrying robbers passed by.

The policeman ran after the robbers but the robbers shot him, killing him on the spot. His daughter Vicrose was just 11 months old then.

"I am glad that his heroism was not wasted, unlike the fate of other policemen who have already been forgotten," Rosario said in Filipino.

Her husband is buried at the Honor Ground at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina City, a burial site exclusive for policemen killed in line of duty.

Honored

PO3 Santiago was among those honored during the Police Memorial Day in Marikina City yesterday.

The annual celebration is held every second Sunday of September to pay tribute to policemen who made the supreme sacrifice serving the city.

The event started in the afternoon with a parade from city hall.

"Through this event, we would like to show our communities the importance of our policemen. They are heroes and we should treasure them," Mayor Marides Fernando said in Filipino.

National Police Chief Director Gen. Arturo Lomibao led police officials who attended the event.

Free space

The Marikina City government has been giving free spaces at the memorial park for policemen who had served the city for at least five years. The practice began in 1972 with a council resolution.

Aside from Santiago, also buried at the Honor Ground are Patrolman Lorenzo T. Santos, Cpl. Ernesto Lopez, Cpl. Isidro Lesaca Sr., Cpl. Magtanggol B. Gatapia and Gen. Carlos C. Javier.

Nearby are more than 50 graves of policemen who died of natural causes.

To honor their memory, the city also started holding the Police Memorial Day several years ago.

"This is to honor our policemen who made the supreme sacrifice. They serve as an inspiration to all policemen," Lomibao said.

He said police work, which was "in service of God, country and people" was "incomparable to other professions."

The police has long been haunted by a bad public image. Policemen and officers are usually perceived to be corrupt.

Worker jumps off mall, survives fall

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

SHOPPERS IN AN UPSCALE MALL in Mandaluyong City were shocked yesterday noon when they saw a man plummeting several floors down and crashing onto the cold, hard pavement of the main lobby on the ground floor.

His bones were shattered, but police said Renato Oyangurin survived the fall.

Oyangurin, a 28-year-old construction worker from Barangay Tejeros in Makati City, was reported in critical condition at the The Medical City as of yesterday afternoon.

PO2 Hector Aspa told the INQUIRER that Oyangurin was seen walking near a burger store on the fifth level of the Shangri-La Mall in corner Shaw Boulevard and Edsa yesterday noon.

Suddenly, according to a security guard, the man in a white shirt and a pair of jeans climbed over a railing and jumped off.

Oyangurin landed near Rustan's Department Store, Aspa added.

The security guard who rushed the man to the hospital told the police that he overheard Oyangurin say, *"Bakit pa ako nabuhay?"*

Oyangurin worked as a construction worker for The Meridien Group, Aspa said.

Mandaluyong City police chief Senior Supt. Ericson Velasquez said they had ruled out any foul play in the apparent suicide try.

When is a pile of trash a good thing to see?

GETTING their hands dirty, students of the City of Malabon University sweep the roadside along C4 Road in a cleanup drive in Barangay Longos.
LYN RILLON

By DJ Yap

IT WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE times when sacks of stinking garbage was a gratifying sight.

It was noon in Barangay Longos, Malabon City, and the sacks of trash were waiting for pick up by garbage collectors.

Armed with broomsticks, sacks and dustpans, hundreds of students of the City of Malabon University scoured Barangay Longos yesterday to rid the community of garbage.

In a barangay where garbage trucks only trudged the main roads, solid waste is a big problem, particularly along narrow alleys and side streets, said university president Asuncion Howe.

The residents have become used to leaving heaps and mounds of garbage outside their homes without making sure they were collected at all, she said. As a result, plastic bottles, discarded newspaper and other household waste littered the barangay, Howe added.

Through the cleanup drive, Howe expressed hope that the community would be aware of the problem and begin to address it by segregating waste at home.

More than 1,000 students enrolled in the Civic Welfare Training Service under the National Service Training Program participated in the cleanup of at least 40 blocks of the 196-hectare barangay, she said.

The students also distributed leaflets on proper waste management, Howe said.

Sixteen-year-old Maica Villanueva said her group alone managed to fill at least 10 sacks of refuse. She said the project might encourage residents to be more mindful of the need to keep their community clean.

But Madonna Varona, 17, said not everyone welcomed the cleanup.

"Some of the men did not like it when they saw us sweeping the front of their house," she said.

The men told the business administration freshman that it was their property, and they were keeping it clean.

Despite some unfavorable reactions, Howe said the CWTS project would continue, and quite possibly, even involve the whole city. Promoting awareness in the community about the garbage problem, as well as the ways to stop it, can go a long way, she said.

QC barangay chair faces raps for graft

A BARANGAY CHAIRMAN IN Cubao, Quezon City is facing malversation and graft charges for his alleged nonpayment of P750,000 in unused funds for a drainage rehabilitation project.

Barangay Socorro chair Bonifacio Rillon was charged with malversation and violating the antigraft and corrupt practices law before the Quezon City prosecutor's office last week.

In his complaint, Kagawad Eliseo Acosta Jr. cited a May 27, 2002, report by the Commission on Audit for 2001-2002.

CoA had ordered the barangay to refund P722,160 of a P2.5 million drainage project on 13th Avenue, Acosta said.

The project was certified completed but an investigation by the city reportedly showed it was only 71 percent complete. *DJ Yap*

MMDA starts tagging buses for OBR plan

By Tarra V. Quismundo

THE METROPOLITAN MANILA Development Authority (MMDA) would be spending the better part of the month sorting the metro's buses, in preparation for the full implementation of its long held-up Organized Bus Route (OBR) scheme.

Doubling as an effort to crack down on colorum, or illegally operating buses, the MMDA started putting OBR tags on city-operating buses on Saturday, to mark them as rightful and obligated participants in the OBR, a limited bus dispatch system.

"This is one way of identifying and getting rid of colorum buses. We have scheduled tagging of buses in given terminals throughout the month," said MMDA Deputy Chair Cesar Lacuna.

All buses plying routes in Metro Manila must get tags, said Lacuna. The tags, he added, will serve as a license of sorts to participate in the OBR, a system that would centralize dispatch of buses in MMDA-established terminals.

The OBR, initially implemented on an experimental basis in December 2003, would place buses under controlled "first on, first off" dispatch to decrease bus volume on Edsa. Frequency of dispatch would be based on the number of commuters waiting for a ride on the thoroughfare, thus maximizing passenger loading at a given time while cutting down on fuel cost.

For the scheme's full implementation, considered timely amid the global oil crisis, the MMDA has established terminals at six route endpoints: Navotas, Malanday, Novaliches, Bicutan, Alabang, and Baclaran.

"(Buses) cannot pass through our terminals if they do not have tags, and our enforcers will readily see that," said Angelito Vergel de Dios, MMDA Traffic Operations Center Executive Director.

Each tag, tamper-proofed and marked as authentic by unique bar codes, would only be given to buses with proper documentation from the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, said the traffic chief.

Makati wants to hear traders

By Tarra V. Quismundo

MAKATI BUSINESSMEN CAN do more than just read provisions of the proposed revenue code for the city.

The Makati City Council said before the weekend that it would welcome comments and suggestions on the draft code throughout September from sectors that would be affected by tax adjustments under the proposal.

"Companies with lines of businesses that would be affected may submit their counter-proposals after scheduled hearings," said Council Secretary Rogelio Marasigan on Friday.

Marasigan said position papers from concerned firms may be given to the Council secretariat for local councilors to study before they deliberate on the new revenue code in November.

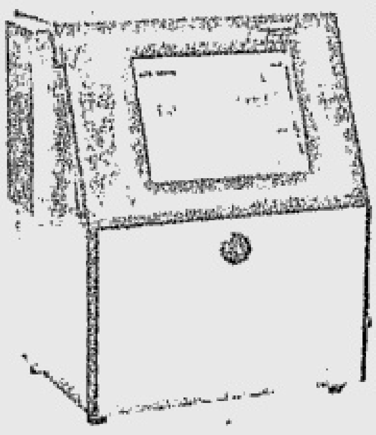
"Rest assured, the City Council will consider all recommendations," said Makati Vice Mayor and Council presiding officer Ernesto Mercado, in a statement.

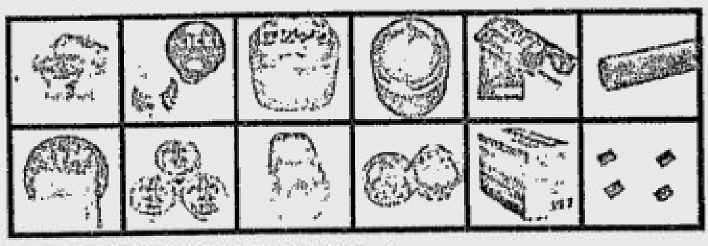
Under the proposed revenue code, the city would be adjusting its business tax rates from municipal-level to city-level for the first time since 1992, with increases ranging from 10 percent to at most double the existing levels.

Tax levels have since been the same, even while Makati became a chartered city in 1995.

For instance, banks and financial institutions currently paying 0.15 percent of the previous year's gross receipts as tax to the city would pay up to 0.3 percent, once the new revenue code takes effect.

Five star hotels, which are many in the city, would meanwhile be paying 0.75 percent of their gross sales or receipts for the concluded year with the tax adjustments, from the current 0.5 percent.





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Rematch still on

Pacquiao-Morales a done deal, says Top Rank

MANNY PACQUIAO SKILLfully kept his end of the bargain, but Erik Morales proved an abject failure.

Looking forward to a rich, grudge rematch with Morales in January, the Filipino boxing icon stopped Mexican veteran Hector Velazquez in the sixth round of their super featherweight clash at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Saturday.

But Morales, fighting in the other mainer of the same card billed "Double Trouble," absorbed a shock unanimous decision setback to former US Olympian Zahir Raheem in their 12-round lightweight fight.

The much-anticipated Jan. 21 pay-per-view Pacquiao-Morales rematch, however, is still on, according to the authoritative boxing website Fightnews.

It said Top Rank has confirmed the staging of the rematch, which will be telecast on HBO pay-per-view. The final venue has yet to be set, though.

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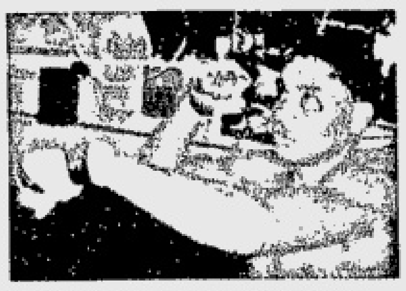
Bare Eye: A 3-1-6 masterpiece A26



THREE HEROES: Manny Pacquiao (left photo) celebrates with fans and handlers after his sixth-round TKO of Mexico's Hector Velazquez. Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista (above) proves his worth yet again with a third-round KO of Felix Flores Murillo, even as Fil-Am Brian Viloria (main photo) electrifies the gallery with a first-round KO of champ Eric Ortiz. AP

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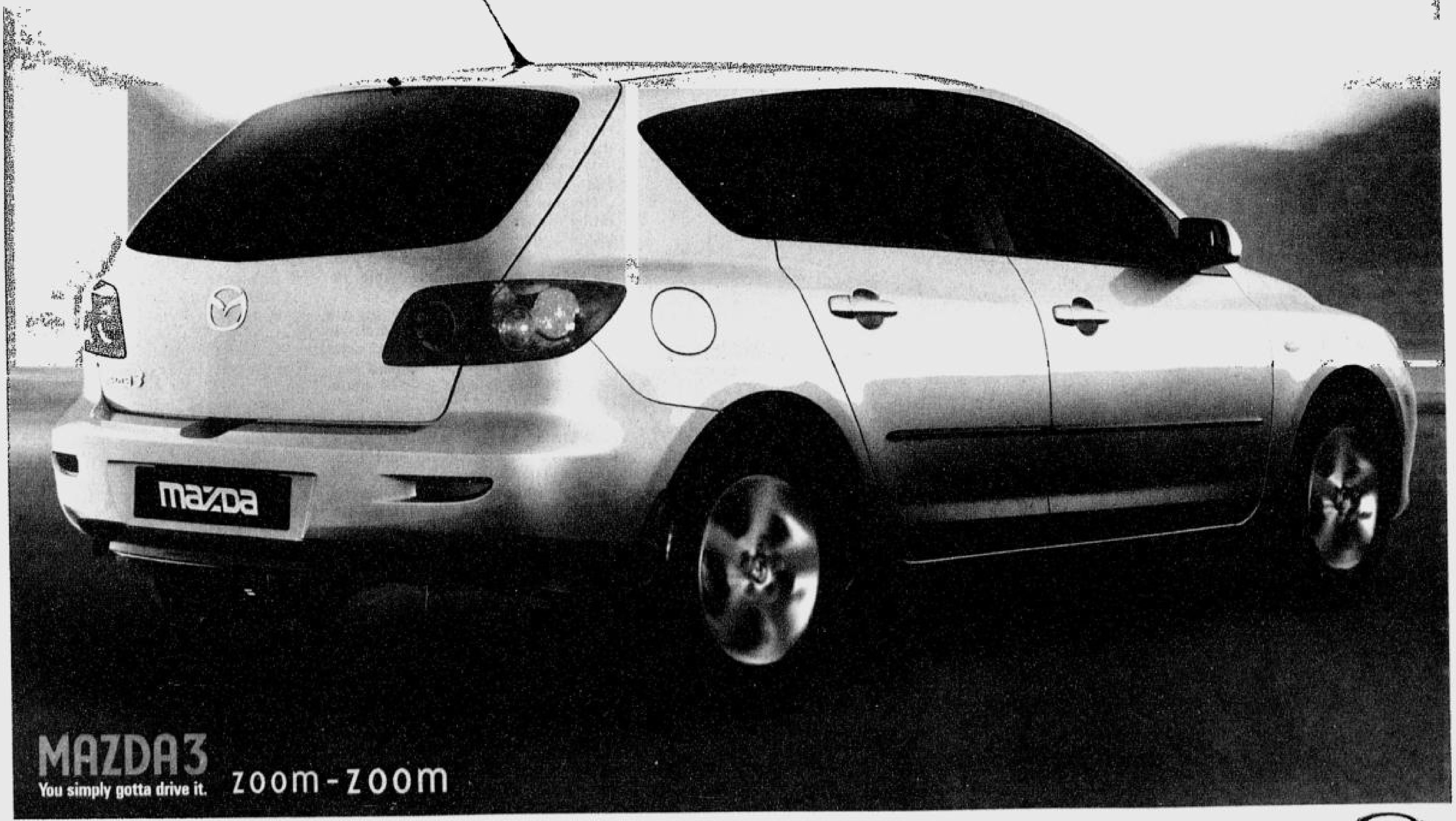

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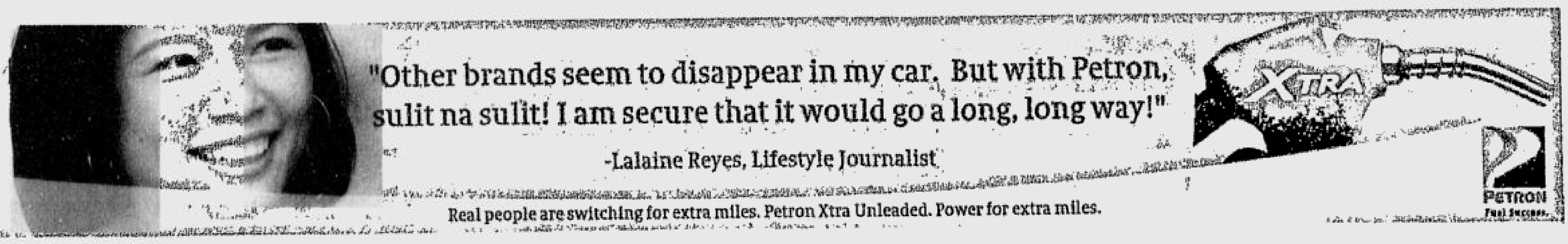

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Pacquiao-Morales rematch still on, says Arum

From page A25

While Pacquiao was no doubt the toast of the town, Fil-American Brian Viloria and Boholano Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista scored equally explosive wins that triggered instant fiesta-like celebration among Filipinos in Los Angeles.

Viloria, known as "Hawaiian Punch," captured the World Boxing Council light flyweight crown with a stunning first-round knockout of Mexican title-holder Eric Ortiz.

Bautista set the tone for the swift, decisive endings by knocking out Colombian Felix Flores Murillo in the third round of their 8-rounder.

The 19-year-old Bautista, now 17-0, with 13 KOs, exchanged punches with the stocky Murillo right at the start then put his rival away with a big right to the face in 1:12 of the third round.

President Macapagal-Arroyo congratulated Pacquiao, Viloria and Bautista on TV, calling the three an example of the youth.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza also issued a congratulatory statement, saying the victory of Pacquiao, an adopted son of Manila, is "good for all of us. This also serves as a signal to each of us to unite and work together."

Viloria, the 24-year-old native of Waipahu, Hawaii, whose parents hail from Narvacan and Sta. Maria towns in Ilocos Sur, went up the ring with the Philippine flag proudly displayed by his father Ben, and a miniature Philippine flag emblazoned on his trunks.

"I was expecting to fight 12 rounds. You never expect to win by first-round knockout in a world championship," Viloria said.

In an interview with Fightnews, Morales was asked why he prefers to face Pacquiao than Raheem. Morales said: "Pacquiao says he wants to take my head off. Let's see if he can do it."

MANNY Pacquiao (left) stands over Hector Velazquez after dropping him in the sixth. AP

Pacquiao is reportedly raring to fly back to the Philippines to attend to an ailing relative, Fightnews added.

After his win, Fightnews said Raheem now wants to be considered one of the big names in the 130-lb category, along with the likes of Pacquiao, Morales, and Marco Antonio Barrera. He is set to meet with Top Rank soon to plan his future.

Promoter Bob Arum said Top Rank plans to pit Viloria against the winner of Arce-Hussein rematch or against WBO champ Ivan Calderon.

Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor

Cheers, a 3-1-6 Philippine masterpiece in US

BARE EYE

Recab Trinidad

HE STARTED OUT SLOW, MISSING A SERIES of punches to the head while getting tagged in return. Manny Pacquiao did not look sharp and fiery as he yielded the opening round of his crucial match against Mexico's Hector Velazquez.

But that's the only weak, doubtful part of yesterday's All-Pinoy boxing fiesta in Los Angeles, California, that had the country proudly carving out a glorious 3-1-6 masterpiece on top of the ring at the world-famous Staples Center.

Pacquiao finally came to life in the third, breathed fire in the fourth, made the Sign of the Cross as he went for the kill in the fifth, before landing a big, blazing blow to the stomach close to the end of the sixth round that made the opponent's eyes pop out.

That well-placed, well-timed bomb to the midsection took the breath out of Velazquez who next sagged into the neutral corner where he got massacred with over a dozen unanswered shots before sinking to the floor for good.

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The general contention, concurred by his handlers who changed plans on the eve of the fight by calling for an early stoppage, was that Pacquiao, who had to cram for the fight, could've fagged out in the finishing rounds.

Velazquez should've opted to stay out and waltzed in the early rounds.

He, however, came in as labeled, refusing to take a single step back as he had bragged, and thus became a willing party to a national campaign that went perfect not only for Pacquiao but for the whole Philippines as well.

Pacquiao's sixth-round KO victory was a fitting punctuation to a nationwide boxing celebration that saw two other Filipinos, tiny Brian Viloria and bantamweight Rey Bautista, scoring monumental wins of their own.

Bautista, tagged as the next big thing in RP boxing, set off the fireworks by finishing off his Colombian foe, Felix Flores Murillo, in the third round.

Viloria, who prides himself in being a Filipino although now based in Hawaii, came away with a first-round devastation of Mexico's Eric Ortiz to clinch the WBC light flyweight crown, thereby setting up Pacquiao for the third and final act of the Philippine masterpiece.

* * *

So when was the last time something this grand and glorious ever happened for the country in international boxing?

There should've been dancing in the streets like when Marços the Dictator was knocked out of Malacañang.

You can bet all three winners would next be hosted in Malacañang by the current Chief Executive who, although herself feeling triumphant, continues to ward off knockout attempts by the opposition and various sectors of the displeased society.

Everything indeed went script-perfect for the country with that 3-1-6 knockout masterpiece.

It was just too bad that the Pinoy feat came on the anniversary of the 9-11 Holocaust.

It was just too bad that the celebrated Erik Morales had to put up a tentative, lethargic stand to go out in defeat in a bout that had also been set up as a prelude to a rematch with Pacquiao.

Pacquiao, who missed a shot at immortality last March when he lost a bloody, thrilling bout to Morales, was all smiles as Zahir Raheem continued to score big in the closing rounds.

Either Morales did not train sufficiently, or he was not too convenient fighting at 135 lb.

Of course, the Morales defeat should not fully dampen the rare Philippine celebration.

Pacquiao fans could indeed blame Morales for spoiling a script that was originally written for a blockbuster rematch between the two ring warriors in Las Vegas next January.

So let them rewrite that old script.

With Pacquiao back in the mainstream, the next thing that could truly send Pinoys dancing in the streets is a revenge win over the Mexican ring icon.

Meanwhile, three cheers for the Philippines. Ready. 3-1-6!

Raheem spoils the parade

LOS ANGELES—THE REMATCH BETWEEN Erik Morales and Manny Pacquiao was supposed to be a formality, but someone forgot to tell that to former US Olympian Zhahir Raheem.

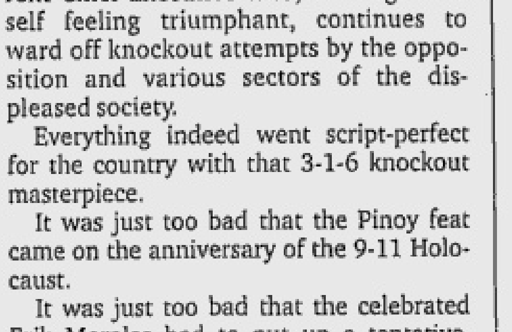
In a boxing card on Saturday at Staples Center arena, Pacquiao prevailed but Morales, who some considered the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world, suffered a shock defeat to Raheem.

Raheem consistently beat fellow lightweight Morales to the punch for the biggest win of his career, a marquee match-up-busting unanimous decision.

A 1996 Olympian, Raheem (27-1) had fought in relative obscurity before dominating Morales.

Judge Judy Lederman scored the fight 118-110, James Jen-Kin had it 116-112 and Raul Caiz scored it 115-113, despite Raheem outlanding Morales, 161-85, in unofficial postfight numbers.

From the opening bell, Raheem was quicker and connected with authority. He repeatedly was quicker to the punch than Morales, who was fighting at 135 lb for the first time.



ERIK Morales (right) exchanges punches with Zahir Raheem in the fourth round. AP

The only thing slowing Raheem was a wet canvas, which he slipped on repeatedly throughout the middle of the contest. Raheem was even heard asking referee Jon Shorle to wipe up the spot.

In the end, it wasn't enough to save Morales (48-3) from his first loss to someone other than Marco Antonio Barrera. *AFP*

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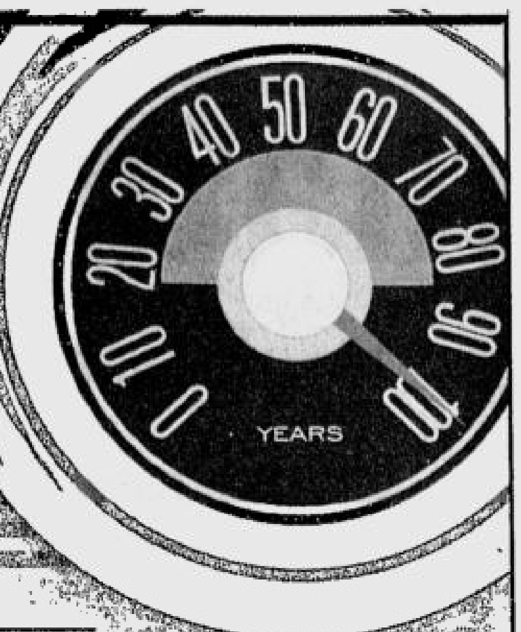

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Thur. – Sun. (Sept. 15 – 18)			
A.M. 10.00 – 8.00 P.M.	Motorshow In Scale	Hall 3	Motorshow Int'l. Manila, Inc.
Sat. (Sept. 17)			
A.M. 9.00 – 4.00 P.M.	Suzuki One Make Race	Kart Trak, Boom na Boom Grounds, CCP Complex	Suzuki Phils., Inc.
10.00 – 6.00 P.M.	Motorshow Jeep Jamboree (Jeeps & Hummers on Parade – Vintage to Present)	Road for Parking, The Forum Open Grounds	Motorshow Int'l. Manila, Inc. with Phil. Jeep Preservation Association (PJPA) Rommel T. Juan
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Sun. (Sept. 18)			
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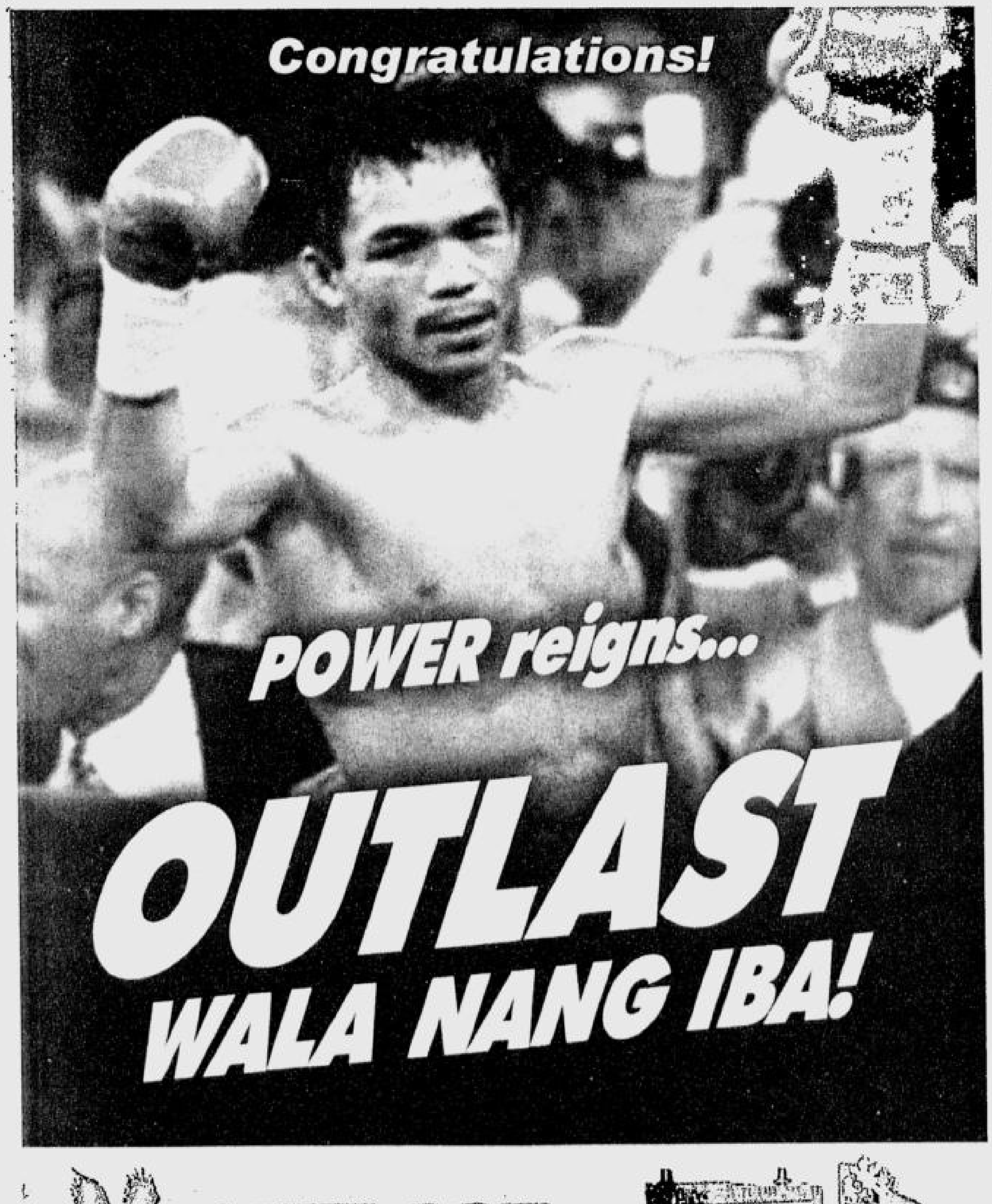
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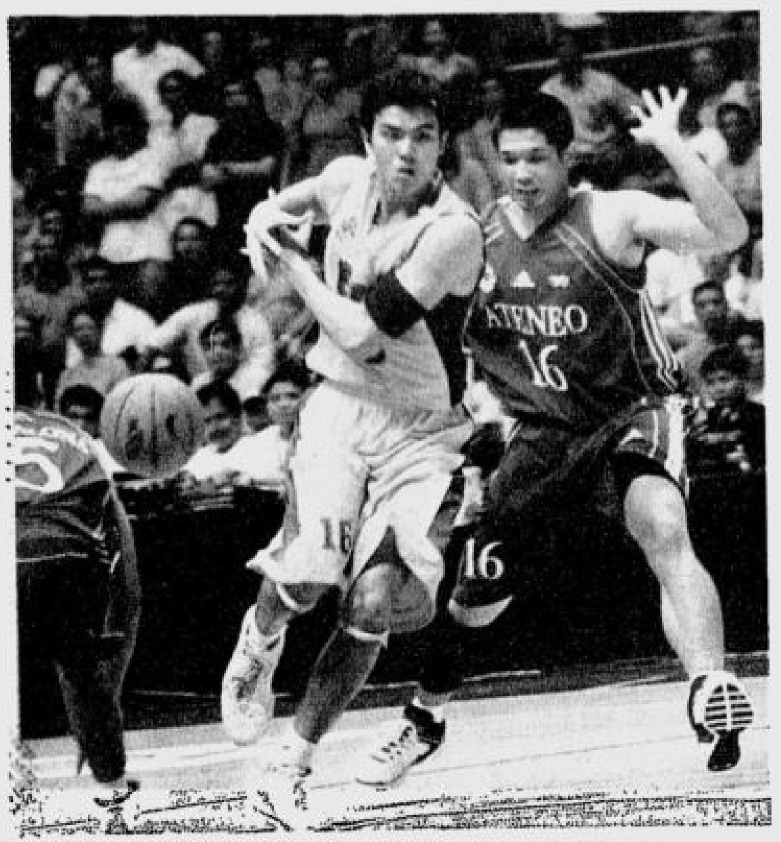

FAR EASTERN'S Marlon Adolfo loses possession in the face of the double-teaming defense by Ateneo's Macky Escalona (partly hidden) and Magnum Membrere (right). AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Eagles conquer Tams, gain tie with Warriors

By Jasmine W. Payo

REGAINING HIS COMPETITIVE FIRE, LA Tenorio showed too much class yesterday as he powered the Ateneo Eagles past the league-leading Far Eastern U Tamaraws, 69-66, in the UAAP basketball tournament at the Araneta Coliseum.

"LA willed us to victory," said Ateneo coach Norman Black. "The captain took over."

Tenorio, who averaged just 5.5 points in the last two games, drilled in 25 markers, including a key triple and a teardrop shot down the stretch.

The Eagles, who foiled the Tamaraws' bid for a first twice-to-beat edge, forged a tie for second with the UE Warriors at 10-3.

FEU took just its second loss and still took the top spot (11-2).

The fourth-running La Salle Archers are still in contention for the remaining semifinal bonus after a 100-70 route of the Adamson Falcons.

"The boys vented their frustration in this game," said coach Franz Pumaren, who was visibly unhappy with the UAAP board's decision to nullify the Archers' 86-83 overtime win over UE.

The board had ordered a replay of the UE-La Salle game Sunday, 4 p.m. at the Big Dome.

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Alabang pulls off Battle of Courts South leg sweep

ALABANG Country Club completed last year's unfinished job when it scored a five-match sweep of the South leg eliminations yesterday in the Battle of the Courts: National Inter-Club Badminton Cup Year 2 at the Alabang Racquet Club courts.

The mixed pair of JV Madrid and Thea Cordero and the men's tandem of Arnie Brizuela and Fisher Chua made up for the loss of teammates Mafi Basit and Lulei Avecilla in the ladies doubles to score at 2-1 win for Alabang against Matchplay Badminton Center in the finals.

Alabang earlier beat Speed in the quarterfinals and South Smash in the semifinals of the event co-presented by Mizuno, Smart: Simply Amazing and INQUIRER Badminton.

Despite the loss, Matchplay secured the other berth allotted for the South leg for the grand finals of the country's biggest club championship also supported by Citibank On-Line, Unilever and Cebu Pacific as the official carrier.

Alabang, captained by Paul Martires, actually placed second to Anvil Badminton Club last year after its players, held back by prior commitments, defaulted in the finals.

The other supporters are Pinnacle Health Pointe & Pinnacle Spa, Hero, Viva Mineral Water, Powerade and Wilson as the official shuttlecock. Media partners are Solar Sports, Wave 89.1 and Jam 88.3.

Wowie Tibayan and Joy Mercado rallied from a huge 6-13 deficit in the deciding third set to lift Matchplay over Alabang Racquet Club in a quarterfinal thriller and forged a Final Four clash with Anvil.

Anvil ousted Leap 'N Smash in their own quarterfinal match.

The Anvil-Matchplay semis tiff was delayed for more than an hour due to a protest filed by Anvil on the eligibility of Glenn Garcia. Organizers allowed Garcia to replace Raffy Macam in the Matchplay lineup a week after the deadline of submission of entries had passed.

Teody Villaflor, head of the technical committee, said they allowed the switch only after Matchplay informed them that Macam's name also appeared in another team's lineup.

When play resumed, Tibayan and Ogie Panganiban bounced back from an opening set loss to beat Melo Escalante and Patty Villaflor of Anvil in the mixed doubles.

Peña expects RP resurgence in AF3

BEFORE the 2005 Asian Formula Three series ends in November, a Filipino driver will finally emerge triumphant.

The bold prediction was made by Dado Peña, the 18-year-old driver, who is at the forefront of the Philippine charge in the elite racing series together with the 17-year-old Tyson Sy.

"A Filipino will win before this series ends," said Peña, who finished third in the seventh and eighth rounds of the series last month at the Sentul International Circuit in Bogor, Indonesia.

Peña, driving for Team Goodard-Minardi Team Asia, is currently locked in a tie for fifth and sixth positions with Sy with 61 points, a point shy off Christian Jones of Motorsports

Sy, the lead driver of Speedtech Asia, had twice been in position to end the Philippines' drought in the nation-hopping series but was foiled each time—in Zhuhai, China, last June and in Sentul last month.

The Filipino youngster, who will turn 18 next month, had the lead and was en route to victory when he figured in an accident with series leader Ananda Mikola of Fastron Racing. He eventually finished fourth. Sy took pole position in the seventh round in Sentul but a tacky clutch ruined his bid and eventually settled for fourth place.

Sy battled back to salvage runner-up honors in the eighth leg marred by disqualifications, finishing strongly behind Mikola. Peña himself had the chance to win in the eighth leg when he was left holding the pole position after the disqualification of O'Hara and other foreign drivers due to a rules infraction.

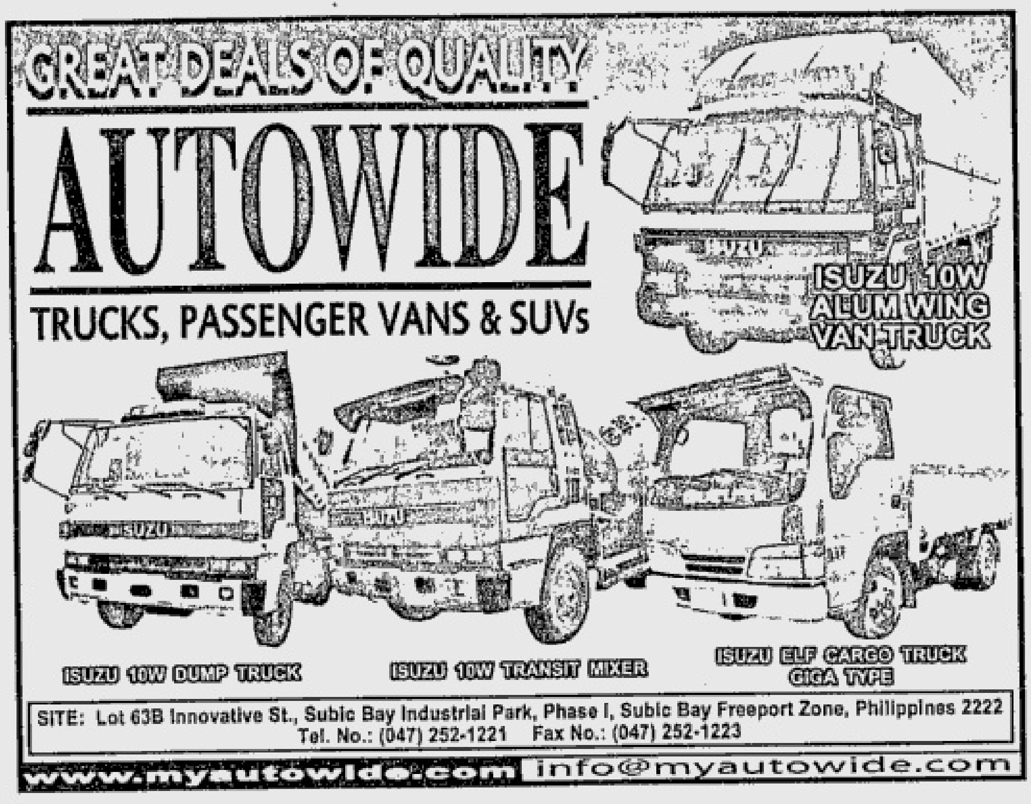
SPORTSWATCH

NCAA finalists PSA Forum guests

PROTAGONISTS in the coming NCAA men's basketball finals will be the guests in the weekly PSA Forum tomorrow at the Pantalan Restaurant in Manila. Letran coach Louie Alas and his Philippine Christian U counterpart Junel Baculi will assess their respective team's chances in the best-of-three title series that begins on Sept. 19. Joining the two coaches in the public sports program aired live over dzSR Sports Radio and sponsored by Red Bull, Circure, Supermax, Pagcor and Manila Mayor Lito Atienza are RP taekwondo team head coach Noli Gabriel and Philippine Taekwondo Association (PTA) vice president Sung Chon Hong.

70 fights up in PCAP derby at Makati today

BIG-TIME cockfighting resumes at the Makati Coliseum today when the Pinoy Cockers Association of the Philippines (PCAP) 5-stag derby gets going at 4 p.m. with more than 70 fights on tap. Expected to figure prominently are top entries including Joke Joke Joke of Gerry Ramos, Agilahas of Mayor Ashley Arayata, Binangonan Balbina of Gov. Ito Yñares and former ambassador Danding Cojuangco, RJ Mulawin of Rudy Albano and Jimmy Ang, Lista Na of William Go, JM Intruder of Jun and Anthony Marasigan, MGM 808 of Tony Marfori, NA Webber 45 of Mayor Nene Aguilar, PEBR of Pol Estrellado and Boy Royo. This will be the second of nine PCAP derbies scheduled at the fully air-conditioned venue in cooperation with WTJ Sports and Amusement and Gaming Corp. of promoters Rudy Salud, Lito Orillaza and William Co. Meanwhile, the Mulawin B-VGB entry of Frank Berin topped the National Cockers Association (NCA) derby last Thursday. The next NCA 7-Stag Derby sizzles on Sept. 20 and 22. For inquiries, call 896-3545 or 895-6475.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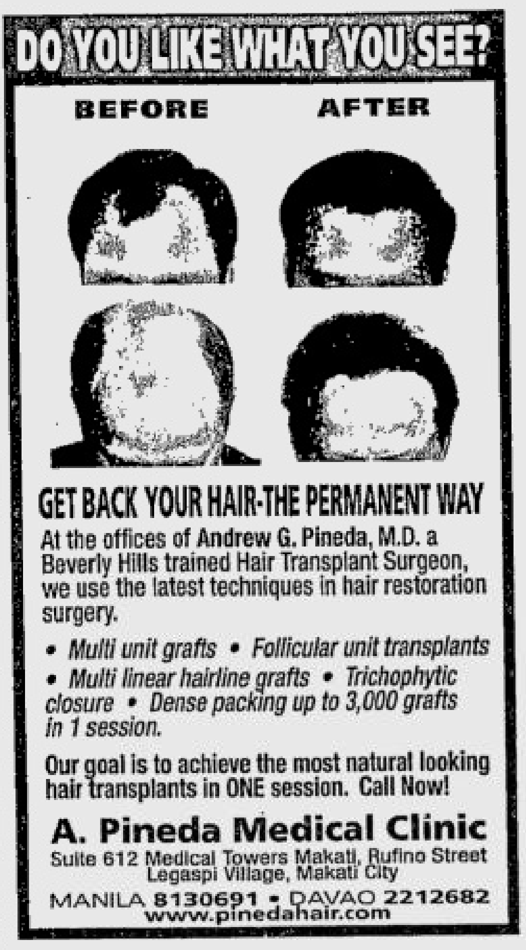
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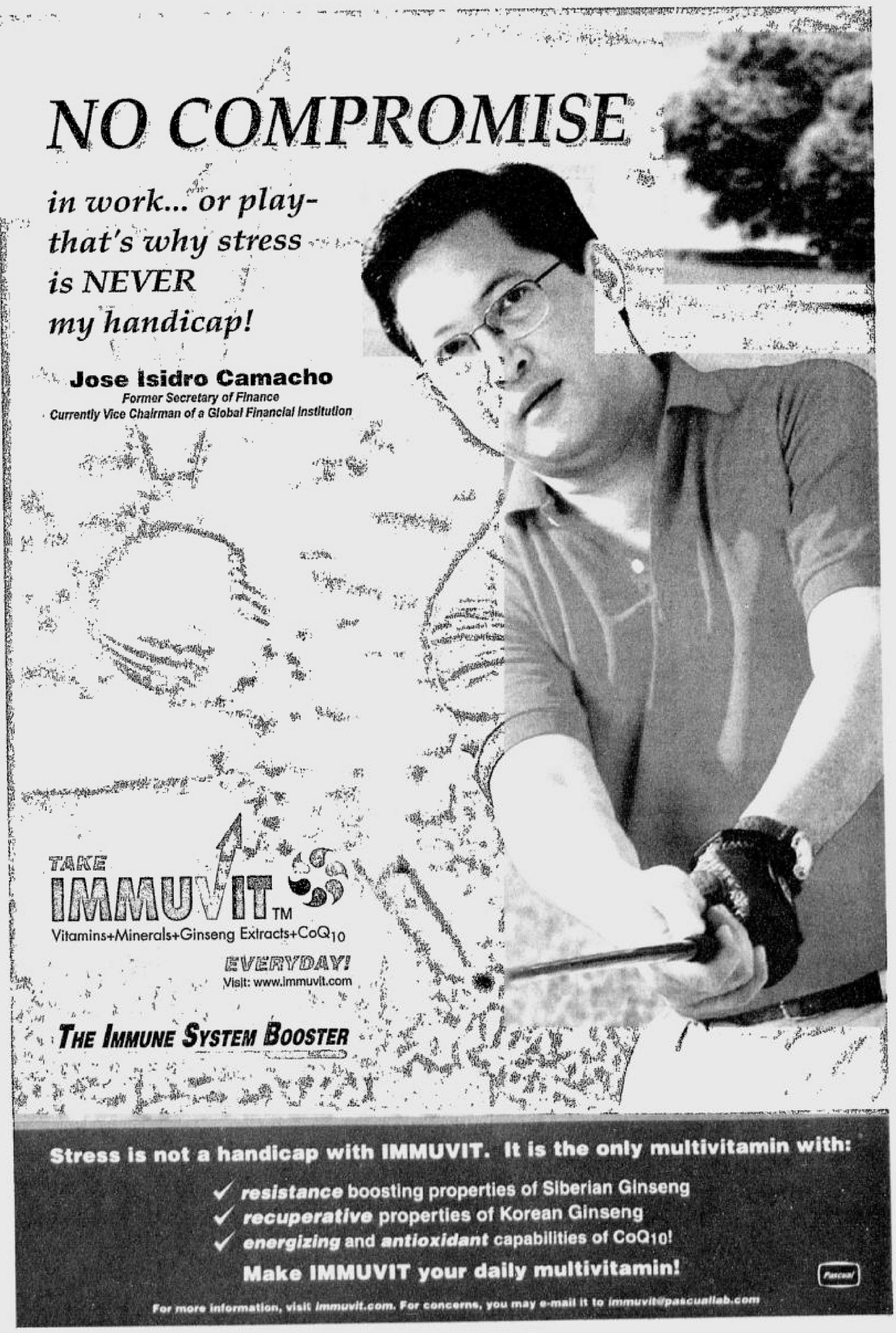
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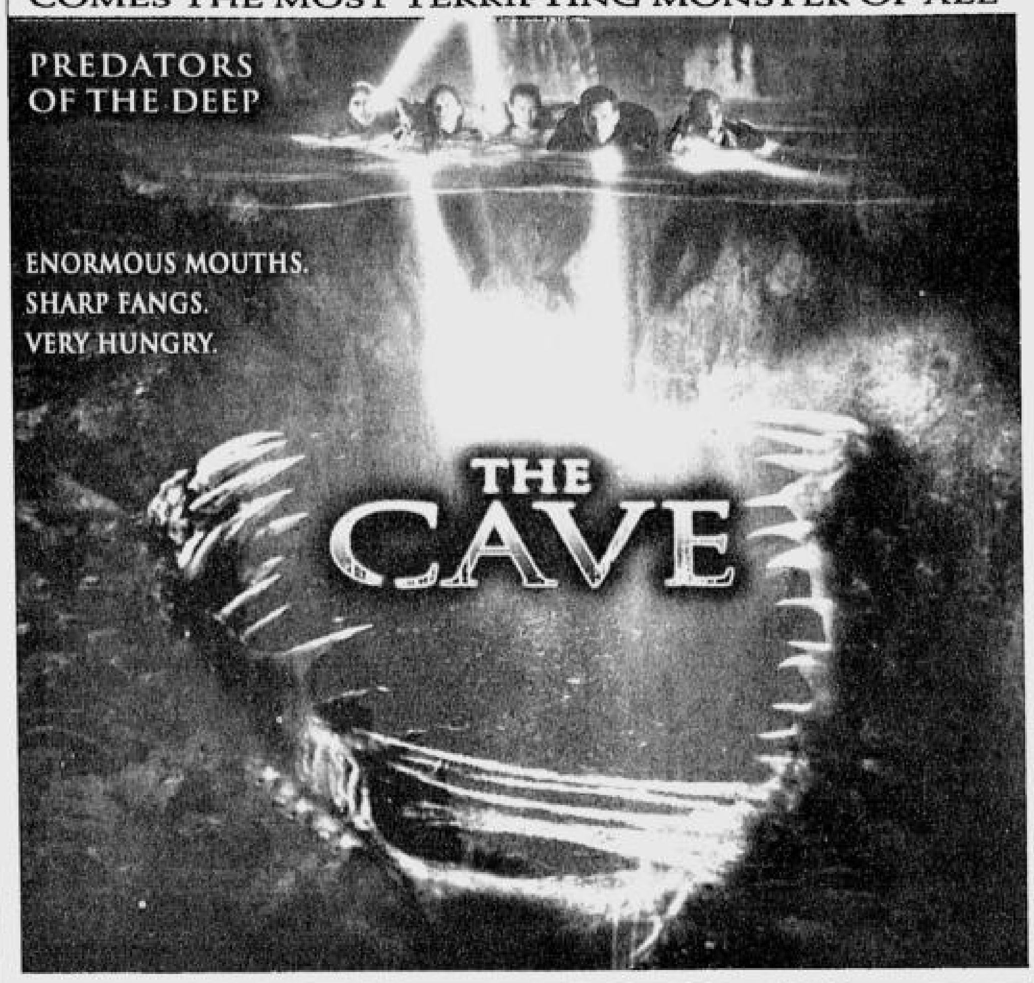
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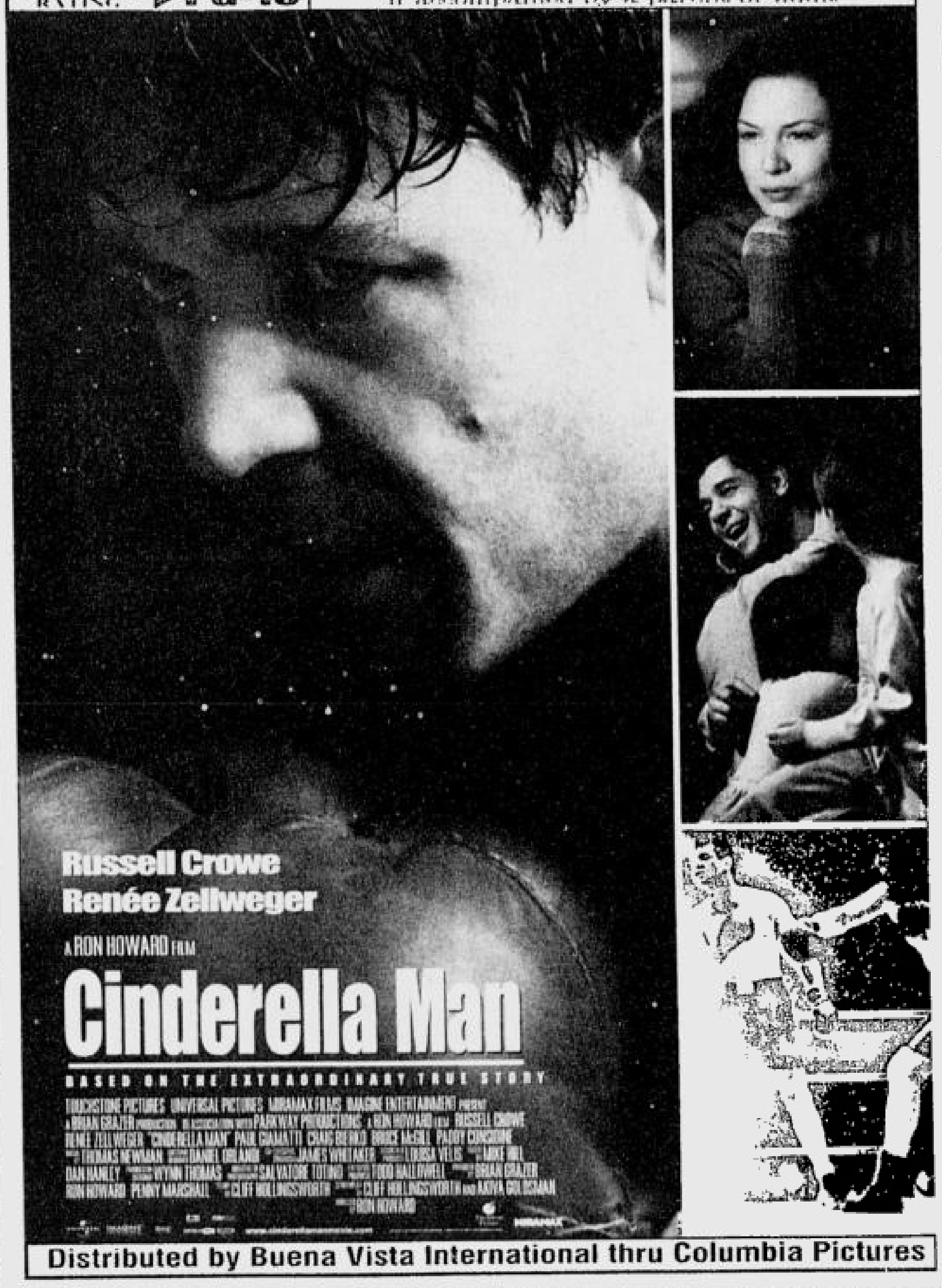
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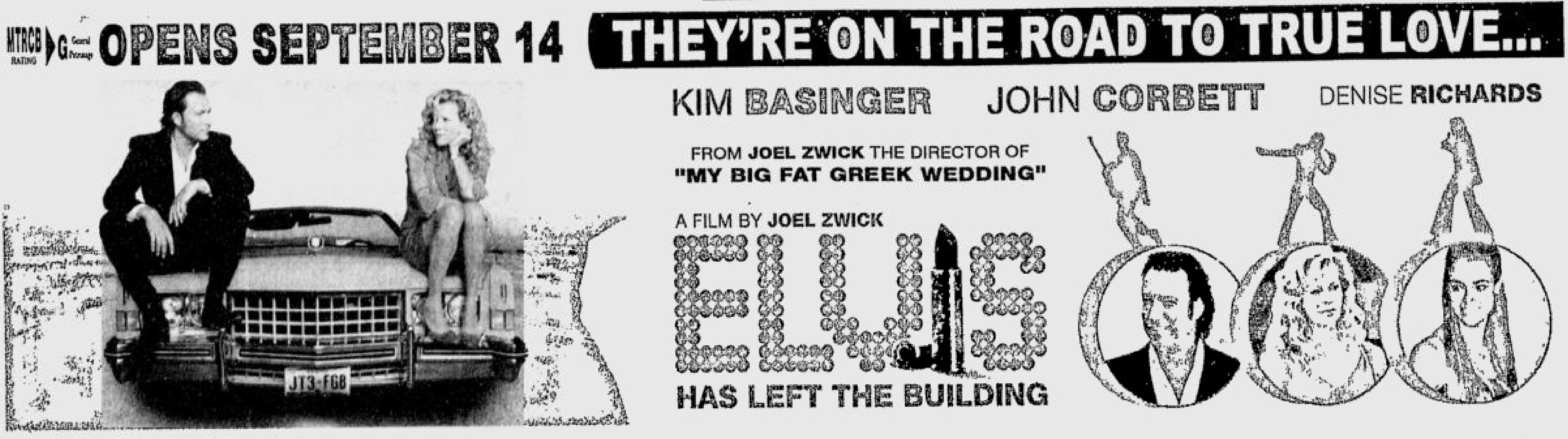
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She hugged Pierce at the
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family. She scaled a wall and
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toughest task of the night-
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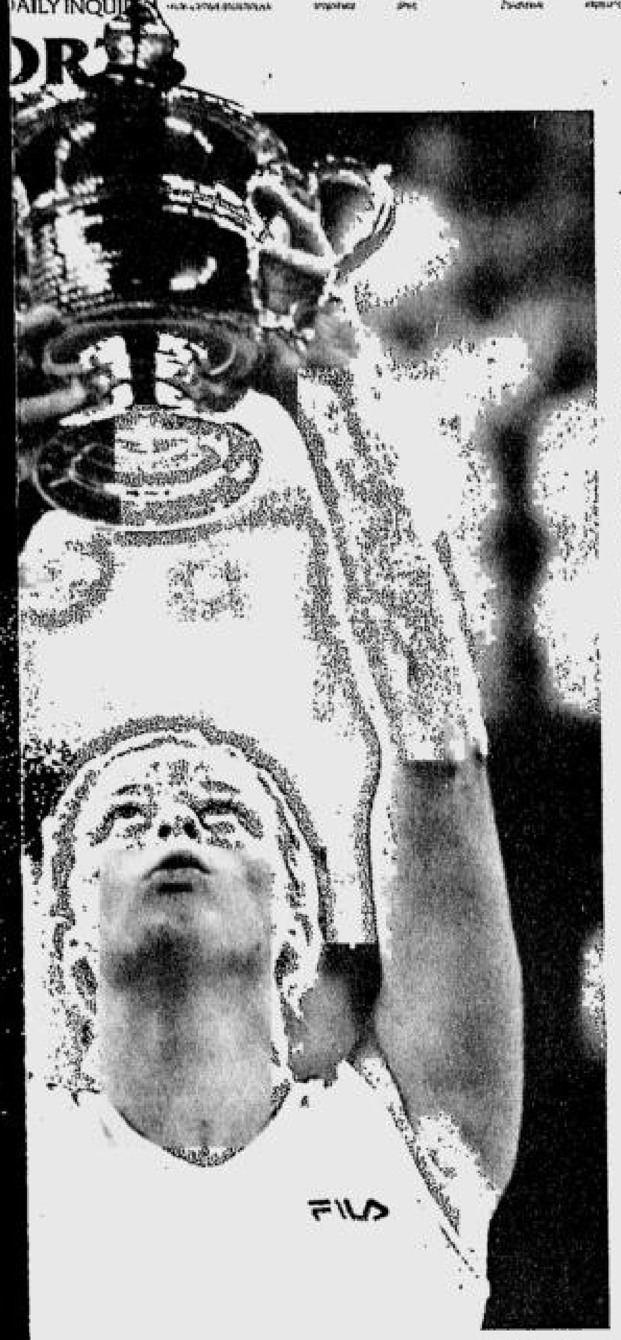

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s soon as I looked over to them, I wanted to hug them," Clijsters said. "I decided to run up there. I didn't know where I was going or what I was doing. Luckily, I made it back safe."

It was the second straight shellacking Pierce has taken in a Grand Slam final. Justine Henin-Hardenne needed only 61 minutes to wallop her, 6-1, 6-1, at the French Open, prompting a tearful Pierce to apologize to the fans of her home country.

She stretched this final a few minutes longer—but she needed a bathroom break after the first set to do it.

"Before this match, I felt really good," said Pierce, a two-time Grand Slam winner who has resurrected her career at 30. "I was ready for it. I was looking forward to it. I wanted it. But today was definitely not my day."

It was the 10th straight year the championship was won in straight sets, and was the most lopsided final since Martina Hingis beat Venus Williams, 6-0, 6-4, in 1997.

The victory splits the Grand Slam titles between Belgians and the Williams family. Henin-Hardenne won the French, Serena Williams took the Australian Open and Venus Williams was the Wimbledon champion. *AP*

mericans tie Solheim Cup

RMEL, INDIANA—MOMENTUM SWUNG FAST
d furious in the Solheim Cup, stopping only when
ula Creamer holed a 5-foot par putt to win for the
cond time on Saturday and leave the United States
d Europe where they started—all square.

With the matches tied at 8-8, there are 12 singles left
Sunday to decide who wins.

The 19-year-old Creamer and five women old enough
be her mother led an American rally at Crooked Stick,
ne more spectacular than 45-year-old Rosie Jones.
ying in her final Solheim Cup, Jones made a 30-foot
rdie putt up the ridge on the 18th for an unlikely halve.

Annika Sorenstam recovered from a meltdown in the
orning by teaming with Laura Davies for the first time
d picking up an easy point.

Creamer's par putt gave her and Cristie Kerr a 1-up vic-
ry over Cationa Matthew and Carin Koch, leaving the
atches tied going into Sunday singles. *AP*

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ADAMSON 70—Cabahug 21, Tiongco 10, Hate 7, Capati 7, Canuday 7,
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Agassi forges title showdown vs Federer

NEW YORK—DEFYING AGE AND HEAT, marathon man Andre Agassi outlasted buffer, younger baseliner Robby Ginepri in five sets at the US Open and became the oldest Grand Slam finalist in 31 years on Saturday.

Agassi delivered an exclamation point to the 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 triumph with a 120-mph (193-kph) ace, his 17th of the match, on his last serve, shook hands with Ginepri, then skipped as spryly as a child on the court to blow kisses and bow to 23,582 fans in packed Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"Oh, how do you find words for what this means? This has been some of the greatest memories I've ever had on the court," Agassi said. "I'll have these memories the rest of my life. Being in the finals at 35 just means you're going to have to put up with me a lot longer."

Later, someone asked if the ideal scenario would be for Roger Federer and Lleyton Hewitt to slug it out for five sets before the Australian won in a tiebreaker.

"Yeah, and then he stubs his toe on the way out of the stadium," Agassi said, drawing laughter.

Sorry, Andre. Federer won, and he feels fine.

"I expect a tough match," Federer said of Sunday's championship match. "He always makes the opponent run. I'm ready to run, defend myself, and play aggressive when I have the chance."

Agassi, the owner of US Open titles in 1994 and '99, surely will be the underdog against defending champion and top seed Federer, a 6-3, 7-6 (0), 4-6, 6-3 victor in three hours against 2001 champ Lleyton Hewitt.

Federer overcame five set points in the second set and crushed the disconsolate Hewitt in the tiebreak. The Australian, who fell to Federer for the ninth straight time, had the small consolation of winning a set against him after losing 17 in a row. *AP*

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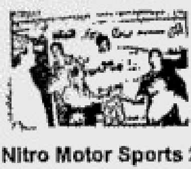

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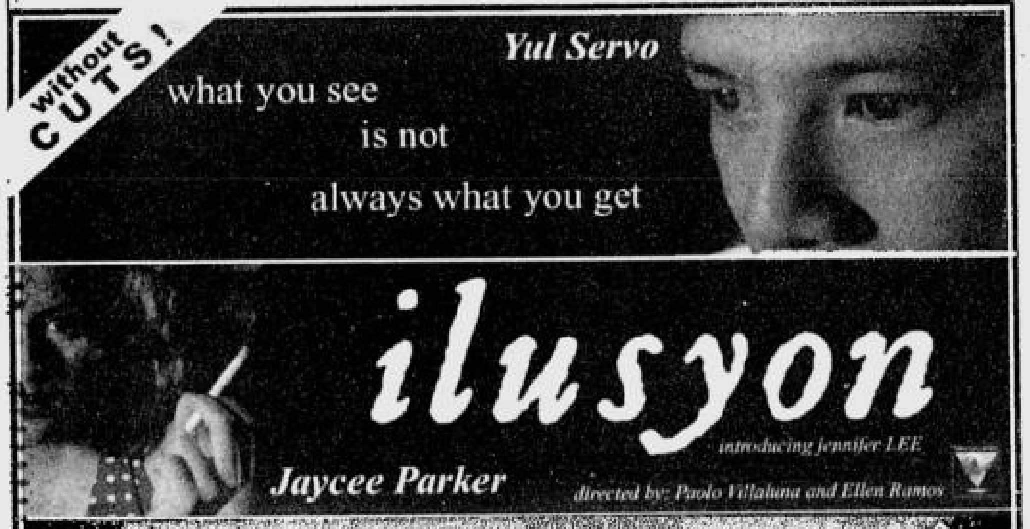

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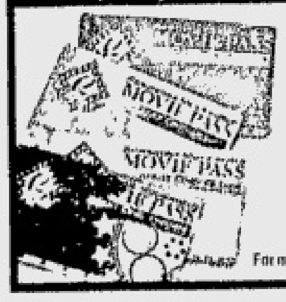

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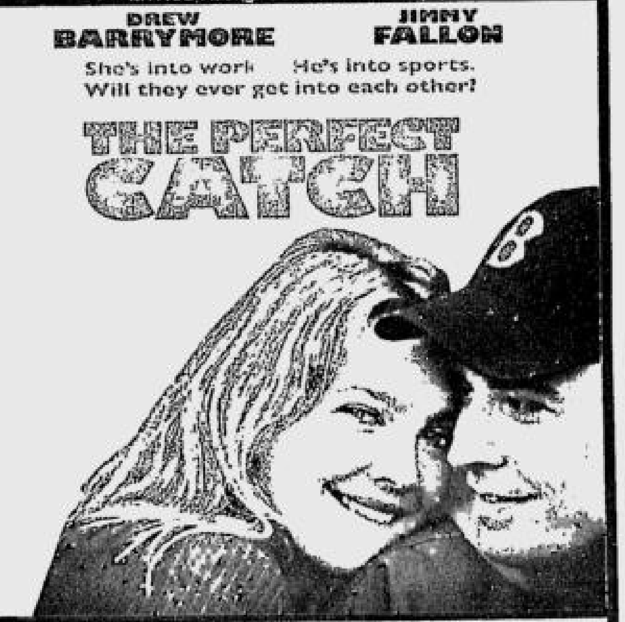
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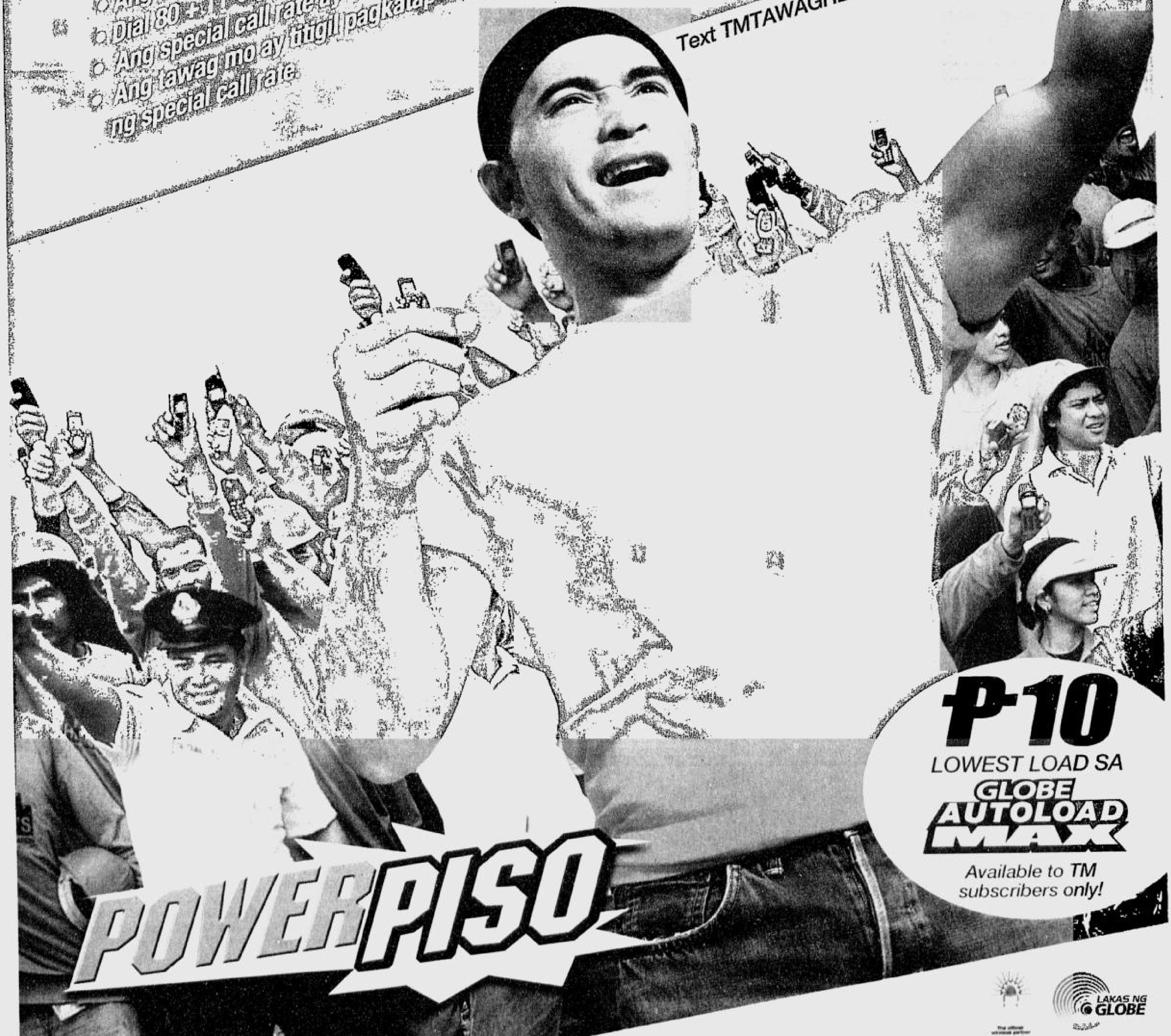

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Naga tapped to host Nat'l Intercollegiate caging

THE PHILIPPINE BASKETBALL FEDERATION Inc. (PBFI) has tapped Naga City to host one of its grassroots project, the intercollegiate men's and women's basketball tournament.

This was announced by PBFI senior vice president Nic Jorge during the last day of the Bicol Basketball League referees' training and accreditation seminar here. Jorge added it will the first time that the women's division will be inserted in the annual meet.

"The POC has already given us orders to handle the tournament *para kahit hindi pa kami nare*-recognize *ng* world caging body, our projects are still [running]," Jorge said.

All members of the basketball association's board of governors unanimously chose Naga City as the tournament site in February with 10 teams from 10 regions expected to participate.

ILOILO MILO RACE

Last year's runners-up steal show

ERIC Panique (second from right) and Marigen Campos (second from left) raise their respective trophies after ruling the men's and women's 21K races of the 29th National MILO Marathon in Iloilo City.

ILOILO CITY—Last year's runners-up Eric Panique and Marigen Campos dethroned the reigning champions and claimed their first regional titles in the Iloilo City leg of the 29th National Milo Marathon that wound up at the Freedom Grandstand here.

Panique ended the three-year reign of Adonis Lobaton in the men's 21K race while Campos, a perennial 5K winner in this annual foot race, made sure 2004 winner Irene Apuhin wouldn't pull off a repeat in the distaff side.

Panique, a 22-year-old casual employee at the Himamaylan City Hall in Negros Occidental, clocked one hour, 10 minutes and 30 seconds. The Armyman Lobaton finished way behind in second with a time of 1:12:44. Anthony Babiera wound up third in 1:15:27.

Panique and Lobaton took turns pacing the race for the first 12 kilometers before the former pulled away for good.

Panique pocketed P10,000 for topping the half-marathon held in partnership with Bayview Park Hotel-Manila, Adidas, Cebu Pacific, Smart Kid, Department of Tourism, Addict Mobile Prepaid and Powerbar.

"*Luma na kasi ang sapatos ko kaya nagkapaltos ang paa ko* (I got blisters because I had an old pair of shoes on)," said Lobaton, who won P7,000.

Meanwhile, Campos was virtually unchallenged in the race. She finished the 21K distance in 1:38:29.

Genevieve dela Peña took runner-up honors in 1:40:47, more than six minutes ahead of third placer Apuhin (1:46:52).

"*Kulang ako sa ensayo dahil* graduating *na ako* (I lacked practice because I expect to graduate) this semester)," said Apuhin, a commerce student at West Negros College.

The top three finishers in the 21K race qualified to the 42K National Finals slated Oct. 9 in Metro Manila.

Iloilo Councilor Jose Espinosa III fired the starting gun, sending off 4,025 runners including Rep. Raul Gonzales Jr. and Philippine Basketball Association cager Ronald Tubid, who both joined the 5K race.

Former Milo Marathon champions Emerito Diaz (1979) and Herman Suizo (1997) were also present at the race yesterday.

The first three finishers in the men's 5K fun run were Rogelio Prietos (16:12), Feliciano Onasa (16:41) and Rubin Suminguit (16:55). The top three in the women's race—Hanny Jane Delfin, Miriam Miranda and Jonalyn Plaza—all crossed the finish line almost simultaneously in 19:25.

The winners in the Kiddies 3K run were Jun Montalbo and Jeannete Alba (6-9 age group) and Ryan Halleza and Elizabeth Duran (10-12).

Spring-Laguna five draws first blood

BAGUIO CITY—Spring Cooking Oil-backed Laguna held off the Baguio Lions, 83-79, Saturday at the start of the best-of-three first-round playoff series in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship at the UB gym here.

Veteran slotman Rodel Mallari's double-double performance and Marlon Kalaw's brilliant playmaking carried the Cooking Oil Masters of NBC president Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla and Laguna Gov. Teresita "Ningning" Lazaro to victory.

Mallari, who finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds, Kalaw, Dondon Villamin, Mar Reyes and Val Domingo joined hands to overcome the Lions' 44-37 lead at the turn.

Over at the Corpus Christi gym in Cagayan de Oro, the Stars of former Misamis Oriental Gov. Antonio Calingin squandered a 24-point lead but steadied in the stretch to nip Bacchus/Harbour Centre, 104-102.

The Stars improved to 5-7 in the tournament.

Supreme sacrifice

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

I COULD be wrong but a win-win solution to the conflict between the Philippine Olympic Committee and the Basketball Association of the Philippines is unlikely at this point. The feud has gotten too far to enable the warring camps of POC president Jose "Peping" Cojuangco and BAP chief Joey Lina to save the situation.

But for the sake of the country and the Filipino youth, I am appealing to the BAP officials in particular to make the supreme sacrifice by accepting the fact that it was not Cojuangco but an overwhelming majority of 33 members of the POC general assembly, the supreme authority in Philippine sports, that ousted them.

Because the BAP is no longer recognized by the POC, Fiba, in accordance with its own regulation, should now remove the BAP from its list of affiliated members and replace it with the newly formed Philippine Basketball Federation, which is now the national federation/association recognized by the POC. Simple as that.

There are rules in sports that must be followed to ensure fairness and sportsmanship. Respect for decisions of officials duly authorized to execute these rules must at all times be shown. Otherwise, there will be anarchy.

In expelling the BAP and replacing it with the PBF, the POC was simply exercising its authority and mandate to recognize only one NSA (national sport association) in basketball. As item 22 of the Olympic Charter states: "An NOC (National Olympic Committee) shall not recognize more than one national federation/association for each sports governed by such IF (International Federation).

After it had neglected its duty to promote and develop basketball in recent years, thus creating a cause for its expulsion, the BAP should not complain over the POC general assembly vote for its ouster.

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POLITICS IN BASKETBALL. There is too much politics in Philippine basketball. But that is not surprising because even then, politics was the bane of the dash-and-dribble sport.

In the first World Basketball Championship held in 1950 in Buenos Aires, opponents of the Peron regime who had sought asylum in Uruguay, used commercial radio stations in Montevideo to attack the Argentinian government. In retaliation, the Peron government refused to grant entry visas to Uruguayan newsmen and radio commentators. Uruguay withdrew its team from the championship.

Playing before a highly partisan crowd, Argentina won the WBC, beating the United States. The victory touched off a nightlong celebration comparable to the country's feverish jubilation when it won the World Cup of football.

Then in the third world championship held in Chile in 1959, the two-China issue erupted. The People's Republic of China was a member of Fiba since 1936 but withdrew its membership in protest when Taiwan was recognized in 1952 as the Basketball Association of the Republic of China. The Soviet Union supported mainland China and forfeited its game against Taiwan, even though the Russians were on their way to winning the championship. Bulgaria also refused to play Taiwan, prompting organizers to bring down the Soviet Union and Bulgaria to the bottom of the standings. Brazil won the title.

Another political incident happened in Manila in 1962. The fourth world championship was supposed to have been held here, but the government under then President Diosdado Macapagal refused to grant visas to the players and officials from Yugoslavia.

As a result, Fiba withdrew the championship from the Philippines, excluded the country from the next championship and imposed a fine of $2,000 on the Basketball Association of the Philippines then headed by Sen. Ambrosio Padilla and secretary general Dionisio "Chito" Calvo.

Brazil rescued the championship when it offered to host the event in 1963. The Brazilians emerged champions that year.

A general election in Uruguay in 1966 led to the postponement of the games the following year, but when it was held in May 1967, the temperature had come down to freezing point. The 1967 WBC was played in an old cylinder-shaped building which was called the "frigidaire." The players were provided with electric heaters but table officials had to sit on damp and cold cement seats. A Hungarian table official started out wearing a light coat and shirt, came in sweaters the next day and finished the tournament in heavy overcoat, while sharing a bottle of rum with other officials. The Soviet Union won the title.

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The CompanY spirit

The country's premier vocal group celebrates two decades in the music biz with an all-star shindig at the CCP

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

IN A LOT OF WAYS, THEIR 20th anniversary concert on Oct. 1 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) is like a homecoming for The CompanY.

As elementary students, they participated in an inter-school choir contest, the first National Music Competitions for Young Artists (NAMCYA), held at the CCP.

"During one of our recent rehearsals, I blurted out this song from childhood, 'The Swing,'" Cecile Bautista recalls. "Suddenly, they all sang along with me."

"We all knew that song because it was our contest piece," Moy Ortiz explains. "That was way back in 1973."

"It was a contest for young artists," confirms André Castillo.

"We were in different choirs," Annie Quintos says.

"Talk about six degrees of separation," quips Moy.

"We're more than friends; our lives are intertwined," asserts André.

Back in their hometown of Bacolod, Moy, who was in Grade 5, joined the same inter-school solo singing contest as Cecile, who was in Grade 6.

"We sang the same piece," Cecile recalls.

"It was 'Kapalaran,' " recounts Moy. "We also shared the same pianist and vocal teacher. But I lost and she won! So I cried."

Fast forward to their college years in Ateneo de Manila; Moy once again bumped into Cecile.

"I was auditioning for a spot in the Ateneo College Glee Club and I saw Cecile, who was already a member then," Moy chortles. "Little did we know that we would become life-long friends."

While still in college, Moy and Annie formed The CompanY with other Ateneo Glee Club alumni.

"Originally, we were 12 in the group," Annie relates.

Through ups and downs, crew changes, marriages and migrations, Cecile and André, Reuben Laurente and Sweet Plantado would sign up with the "sextet" that would later be hailed as "the country's premier vocal group."

For their 20th anniversary show, at least four CompanY graduates will be flying over to rejoin them onstage.

"Meus Bartolome from Singapore, Tetet Tolentino from Davao, Tom Calisterio from New Jersey and Carol Menguito from San Francisco will be doing the show for free," Moy says.

Truth is, The CompanY is mounting this CCP concert, "their biggest and most ambitious," Moy admits, "with a little help from their friends."

Graciously lending a hand are crowd-drawers Regine Velasquez and Ai-Ai de las Alas. Also making a special appearance is former New Minstrels vocalist Eugene Villaluz who is Moy's uncle.

"The New Minstrels used to rehearse in their house," Cecile says.

Moy looks back: "At age five, I watched Louie Reyes and Cesar de la Fuente practicing in our living room, with my mom, Myrna Villaluz-Ortiz, on the piano."

FROM left: Reuben Laurente, Cecile Bautista, Annie Quintos, André Castillo, Moy Ortiz and Sweet Plantado throw a thanksgiving (and farewell) party.

Doing their CCP costumes is another tireless supporter, fashion designer Danilo Franco.

"He's our seventh member," Moy enthuses.

"When we were newcomers, he made our costumes even if we didn't have the budget," Cecile volunteers. "He told us: 'Payable when able!' "

Indeed, their CCP concert is envisioned as a grand celebration to be shared with their closest friends.

"We have an online community of fans who call themselves The CompanionS," says Annie. "That we are celebrating the show with them makes it all the more special."

Even if it's already their third major show at the CCP (after "Live at the CCP" in 2002 and "Kantapella" with the Opera and The Tux in 2004), it still feels overwhelming.

"It will be a big thanksgiving show, especially since it will be our last together," Cecile volunteers. "André is migrating to the United States."

"Reuben is embarking on a solo career," Moy adds. "It will be their swan song."

"It'll be our culminating show," Reuben points out. "A showcase of what we can offer."

"We still have a lot in store," Sweet elaborates. "We hope to go on our second US tour and visit more cities compared to our 2003 tour. Perhaps Europe also and,

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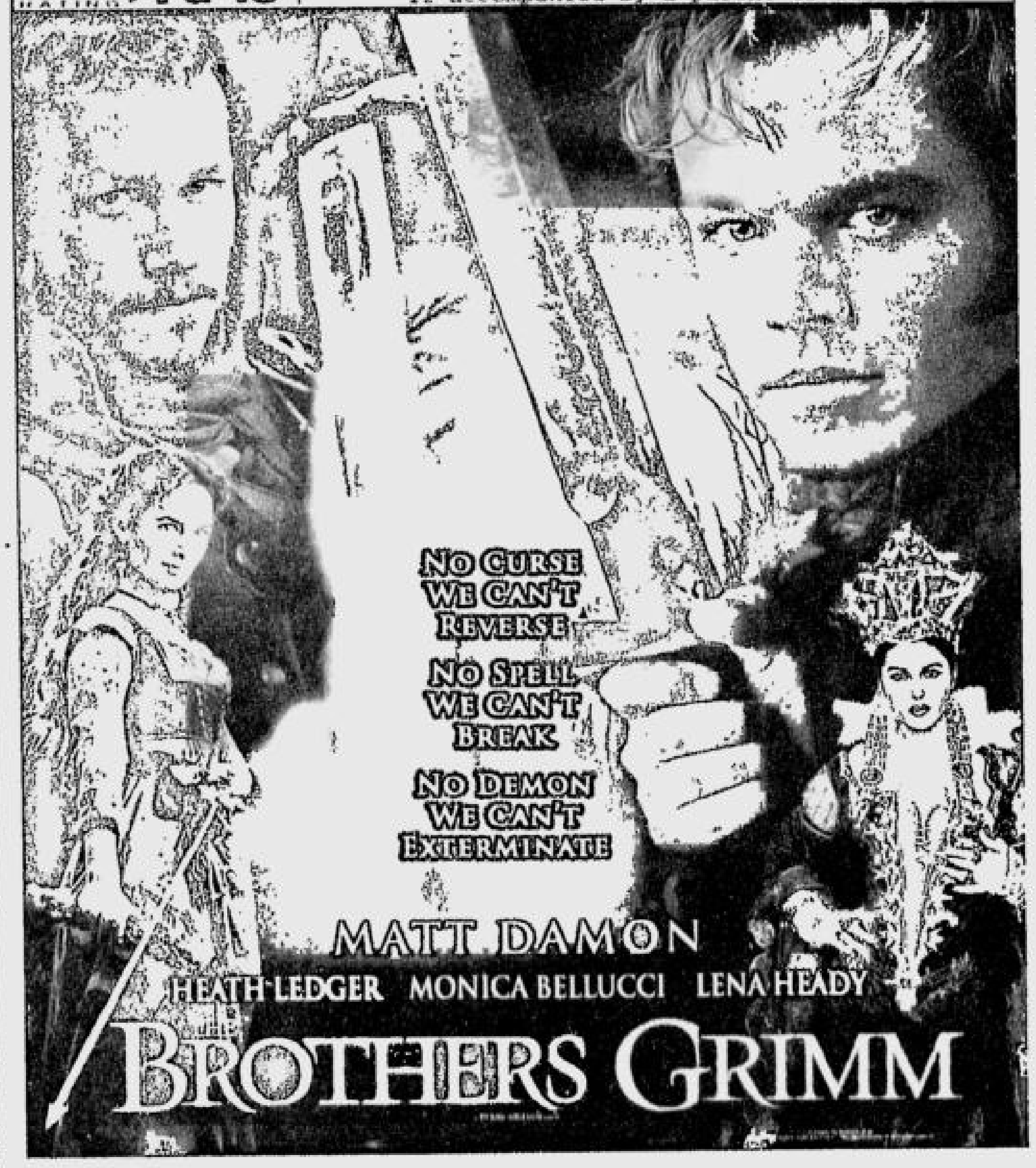

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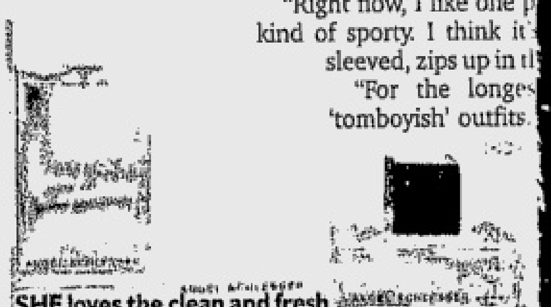

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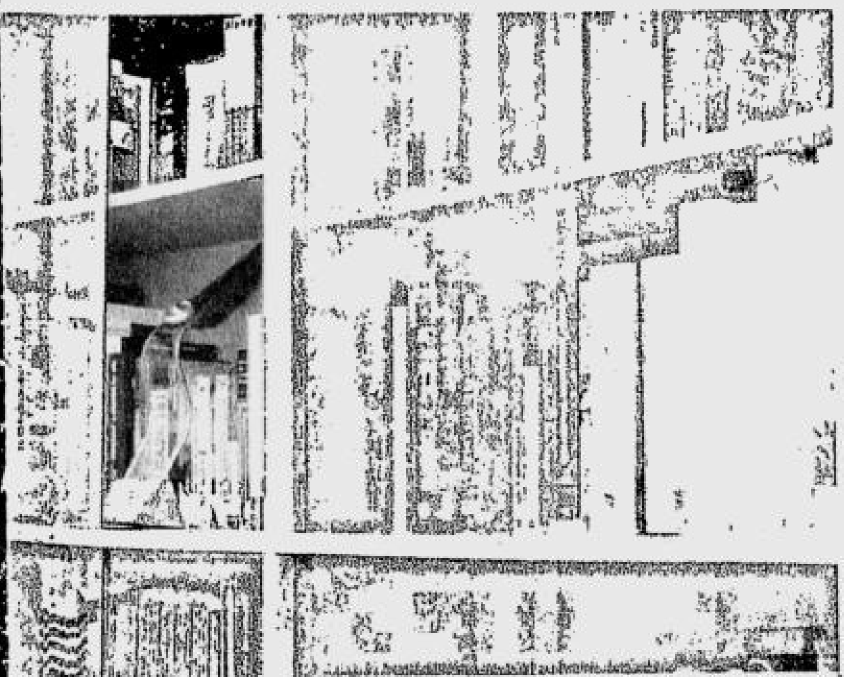

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SHE uses nighties if she wants to feel pretty.

RITA now prefers outfits that are sexy and soft.

of the Fireflies.' I watched it 10 times and cried 10 times, too. This is about a brother and a sister and their great love for each other. There are days when I like light love stories, like 'Malena' and 'Cinema Paradiso.' Sometimes *naman*, I prefer French films. My husband and I have a wide collection of DVDs. He needs it for his work.

"I don't go much for music. I'd rather read or watch, but when I listen at all, I like relaxing music. I collect Zen, bossa nova tunes. I also listen to R&B, but I easily lose interest."

PERFUME

"My current favorite is the Angel Shlesser perfume. I also bought a bottle for my husband. I just discovered it. I love its clean and fresh scent."

FOOTWEAR

"For rubber shoes, I like simple designs. I don't want them to be too bulky. The denim pair from Replay is comfortable and easy to wear, and perfect with jeans. I like Lacoste pair because of the simplicity.

"This pair from Nine West is my newest. I like it because it doesn't pinch my feet. The color is kind of metallic—gold, silver and bronze.

"I own a lot of slippers... for going to the mall or for watching movies. I've had these for three years. "When you buy high-heeled shoes, make sure you try them on first. What's the use of having a beautiful pair if you can't walk comfortably because your feet hurt with them?"

BAGS

"I brought out this DKNY body bag to show you what I always use when I travel. This is a gift from a friend. It's reversible. "I've been using this ladies' bag from Kenneth Cole for a month now. I don't like teeny weenie bags. I bring all my stuff when I go out. I also don't like transferring my things from one bag to another every day.

"If you plan to invest in expensive bags, buy those that have classic styles or something that you can use for a long time. There are also nice and chic bags that are cheap. From time to time, I guess you could experiment.

THE NINTH-EYE dzi bead bracelet is supposed to give her luck.

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RITA and husband, TV director Eric Reyes, have a wide collection of DVDs. Eric needs the movies for reference.

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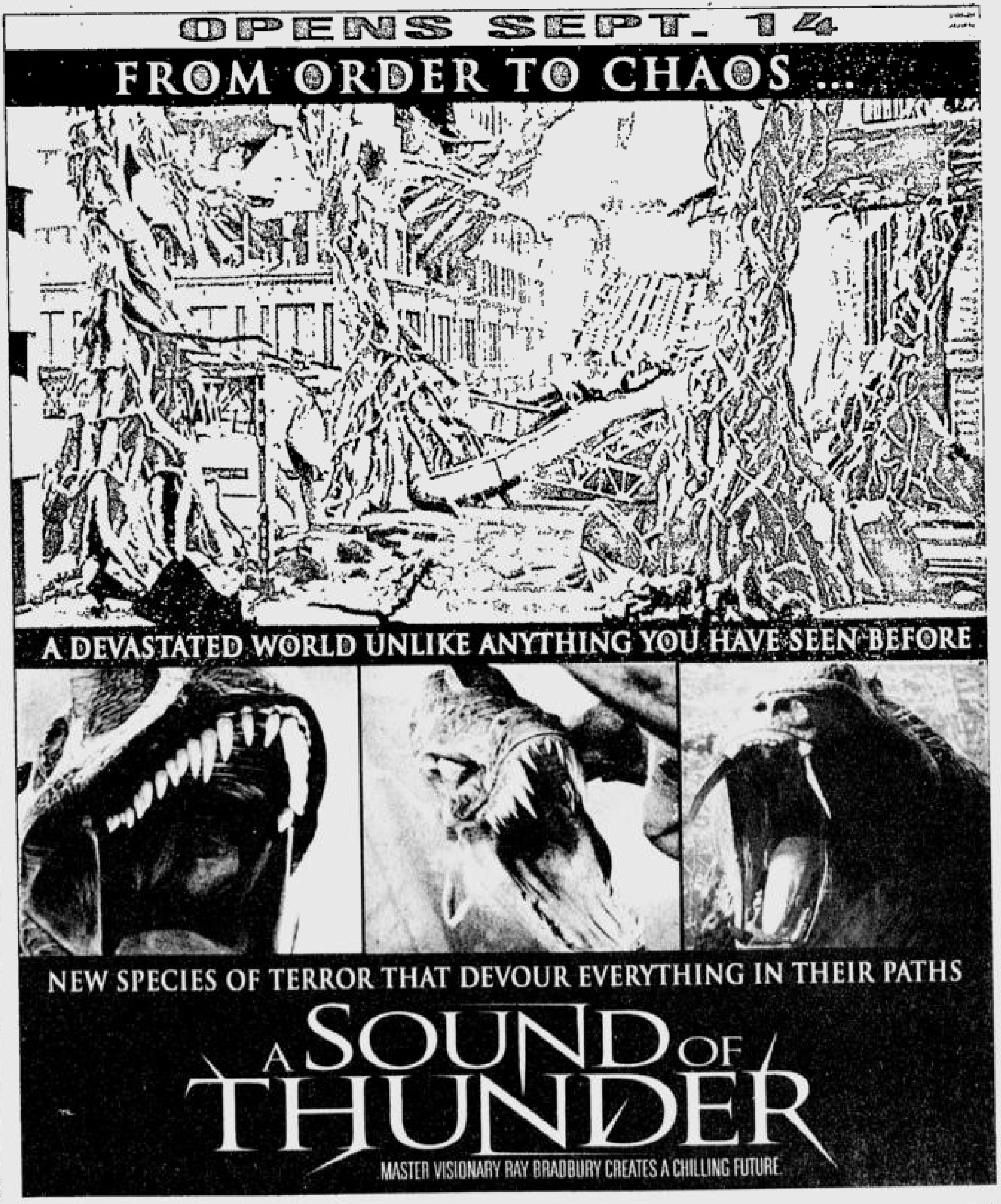

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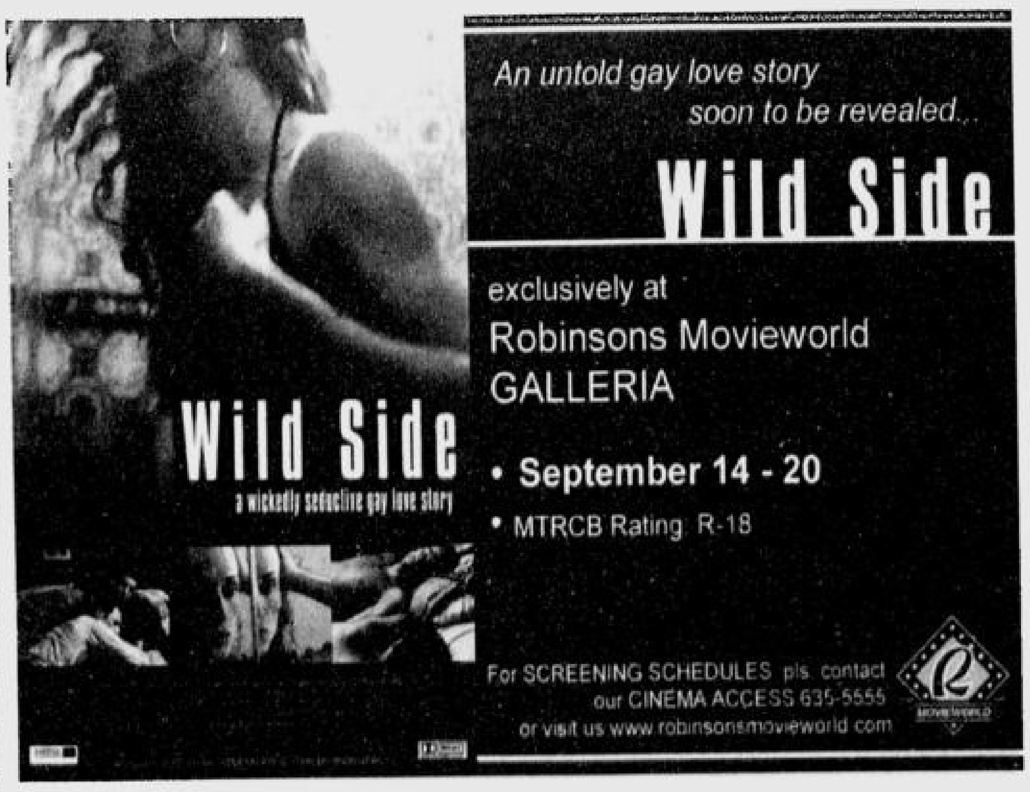

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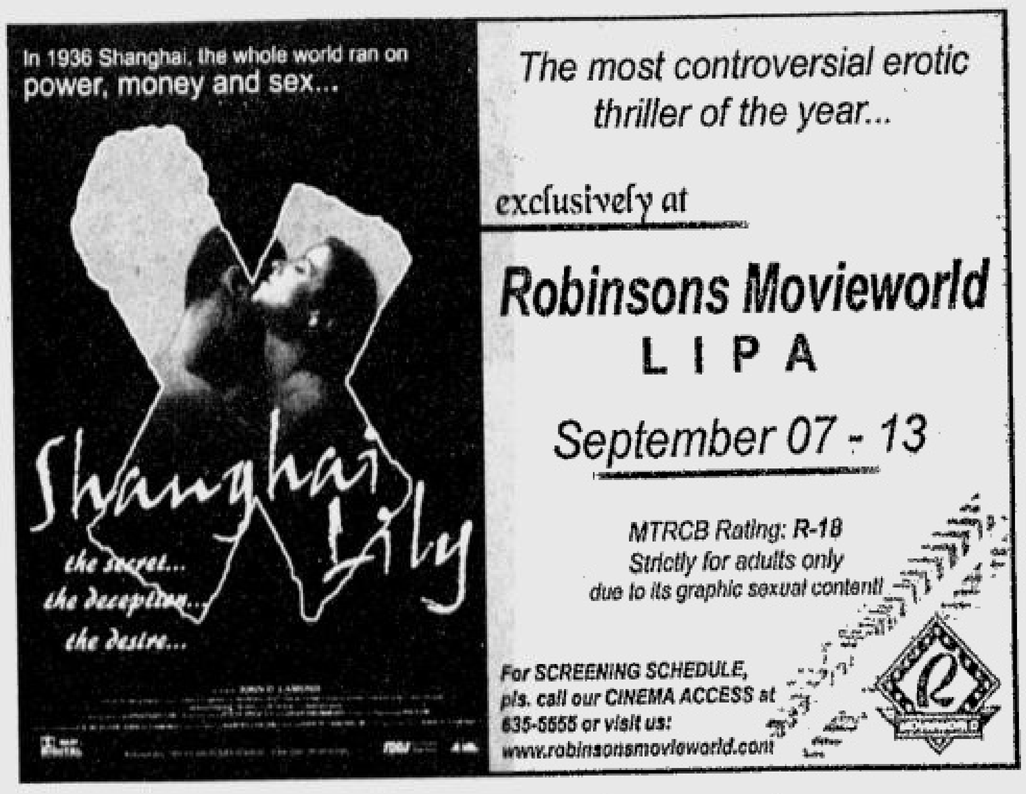

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'Rock Star' down to four survivors

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

"ROCK STAR" ON STAR WORLD WAS rocked by the elimination of **Ty Taylor**, one of the talent search's best bets. His fans were stunned because Ty used to be one of the strongest finalists in the early rounds of the competition. Now that the tilt is down to only a few contenders, however, all of the surviving talents are exceptional performers, so even the best can't be assured of running the full course.

Aside from his expressive voice and fine performing chops, Ty boasts of a unique "Apache" plume of hair running up and down the center of his otherwise shaven noggin.

It's the most versatile Apache cut we've ever seen: Ty sometimes wears it as is, but at other times he styles it to look like a series of pointy dagger tips, or braids it to look less lethal', or colors it to suit whatever costume he's wearing at any given time.

With exposure he's gotten on "Rock Star" plus the droves of fans he's gained, Ty should do well as a solo performer, even without his longed-for INXS band connection.

Now that Ty is history, the "Rock Star" competition was down to only five finalists last week: MiG, Jordis, Suzie, Marty and JD. Each one of them is a potential star who would do the INXS band proud, so it's anybody's guess who will be standing proud and alone after the smoke of the "final-final" competition finally clears on Sept. 21.

MARTY, Suzie, Mig and JD

How will "our" **MiG Ayesa** do in the remaining rounds of the competition? It appears like the INXS jurors like him—not just for his talent, but also for his looks and generous nature.

In terms of looks, some people see MiG as the "reincarnation" of **Peter Frampton**. As for his inherent generosity, it was again proven when he deferred to Suzie, who like him, wanted desperately to sing the rock classic, "Bohemian Rhapsody."

MiG's kind gesture worked in his favor, because the song he did sing enabled him to hit some extended high notes that impressed the heck out of both jurors and members of the audience. With lucky and plucky breaks like that in his favor, MiG could go the distance.

Last week, however, MiG initially ended up among the bottom three—that's how volatile the "Rock Star" competition has become.

Pluckily, however, votes coming in from Australia and Asia boosted his flagging fortunes, and MiG ended up as one of the week's top two contenders (along with Marty).

Despite that last-minute "save," MiG will still have to do his darndest to remain in the competition. To boost his chances, he should take heed of an INXS juror's loaded statement: "From now on in the competition, it's all about which finalist we feel will suit our band best."

That's right, it's no longer about talent, since all of the remaining finalists are gifted performers. The focus from here on in is suitability—so MiG had better "INXS up" his act!

Last week, Jordis failed to fit into the band's concept of the new lead singer it's been looking for, so she had to leave the show. The remaining survivors: Suzie, Marty, JD and MiG. The plot thickens!

'Three of a kind'

CHINESE comedy star **Michael Hui** is ideally suited for the role of Dragon Lone in "Three of a Kind," directed by **Joe Ma**. Lone is a very successful martial arts novelist who has a shameful secret: He's never learned Kung Fu! The comedy film will be screened on Star Chinese Movies at 9 p.m. on Sept. 17.

Feedback

FROM **Barbara B. Quinto** of Alabang, Muntinlupa City: "First off, I am no prude. I say, live and let live. But, whatever got into the heads of the ABS-CBN honchos that they had to put up a trashy, tacky and senseless show like 'Pinoy Big Brother'?

"The supposedly innovative show is not even entertaining. I can't stand a minute of it. And the network doesn't have the license to exploit its exhibitionist-talents. A more appropriate title for the program would be 'Pinoy Big Bother,' don't you think?"

The CompanY …

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break into the international scene. We also dream of having our own musical show on TV, something like 'Ryan, Ryan Musikahan.' Ryan Cayabyab is our musical idol."

With the impending departures of Reuben and André, the gang is training a new member.

"He's Jay Marquez," André shares. "He was with the Q&A Band and Noisy Neighbors. Name a jingle, he has sung it in the 1990s."

What piece of advice would André impart to young performers, including Jay?

"It was a tip shared to us by the Apo Hiking Society," André says. "If you want to last long in this business, you have to sing your own songs, Original Pilipino Music. And hold on to your dream. Persevere."

Speaking of which, their 20th anniversary concert was almost canceled because their original producer "disappeared" at the last minute.

"It would've been so easy to feel crushed and disenchanted," Moy sighs. "But the show is pushing through because our real friends and our families have rallied behind us. We are financing the show ourselves."

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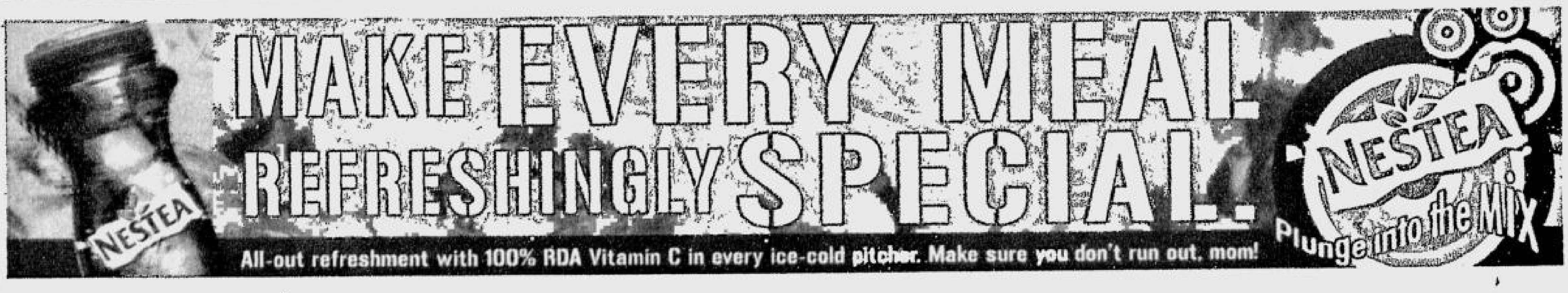
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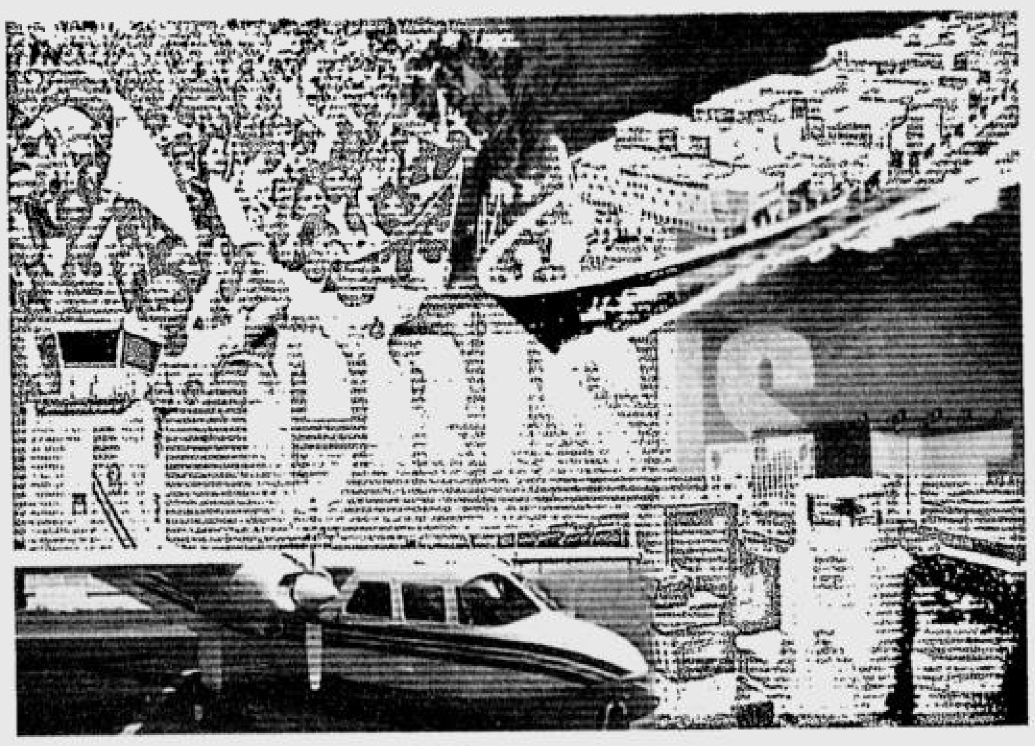
Consumers turning pessimistic



FEELING THE PINCH

Businesses in the grip of crisis

(First of a series)

By Abigail L. Ho and Ronnel W. Domingo

SPECIAL REPORT

BEFORE THE "HELLO, GARCI" TAPES EVEN made headlines, civil society groups, the public transport sector and ordinary Filipinos have been taking to the streets, campaigning to repeal existing laws, fighting a losing battle against an all-consuming enemy.

For several months now, motorists have been complaining about soaring fuel prices. The public transport sector is almost up in arms over increasing fares, with escalating oil prices eating up their shrinking margins.

People are tightening their belts even more than usual as gasoline, diesel and cooking gas prices rise.

While they are seen to have more resources than the next person, local businesses are feeling the pinch of the oil price crisis as well.

Maybe even more so—they are now trying to cope with rising costs while keeping end-user prices down.

Oil-intensive industries, such as shipping and airline, are the hardest hit by the ongoing oil price crisis. With fuel accounting for almost half of their operating expenses while their rates are regulated by the government, the recent fuel price spikes have brought nothing but pain to these businesses.

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BSP survey cites rising prices, insufficient incomes

By Daxim L. Lucas

LOCAL CONSUMERS WILL LIKELY BUY LESS goods for the rest of the year—including this coming holiday season—as their confidence in the economy continues to weaken, a central bank survey showed.

Despite this, BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. told reporters the consumer outlook was expected to improve substantially in 2006. "But it will weaken in the last two quarters of the year," he said in a briefing last Friday.

According to the BSP survey, the decline in consumer expectations was due primarily to the respondents' pessimism on the country's economic conditions. Respondents were also more cautious about their families' financial situation.

According to a central bank statement, respondents cited the high prices of food, utilities, oil and transportation as their top concern.

They also cited insufficient income and rising household expenditures as reasons for their declining expectations.

The central bank survey revealed that consumers were especially pessimistic about the present quarter with a higher average diffusion index of -54.1 percent from the -49.9 percent in the previous quarter.

"The third quarter 2005 diffusion index is the lowest since the consumer expectations survey was started in the third quarter of 2004," Tetangco said in a separate statement.

Two out of three component indices of the average diffusion index, namely family financial situation and economic condition of the country declined, while family income improved slightly.

Consumer outlook for the last quarter of the year was also down at -27 percent from the -24.3 percent in the previous survey, further eroding the government's

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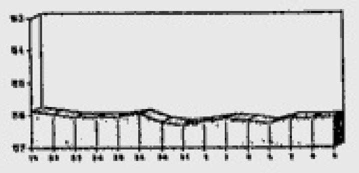

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STOCK MARKET

Uneventful trading seen

ANOTHER UNEVENTFUL TRADING WEEK IS expected as investors remain cautious in the absence of fresh corporate news and positive leads from the government, analysts said.

The stock market plunged 6.35 percent due to persistent calls for President Arroyo to step down from office due to alleged election rigging and profiting from illegal gambling.

This was despite the House of Representatives' junking of an impeachment complaint against Ms Arroyo.

Investors are now doubtful over whether the government can fulfill its promise to wipe out its yawning budget deficit and sustain economic growth.

"Another sideways trading session could rule the bourse this week, until after fund managers see enough fiscal measures are in place that could help soften the impact of higher crude prices," said Grace Cerdenia,

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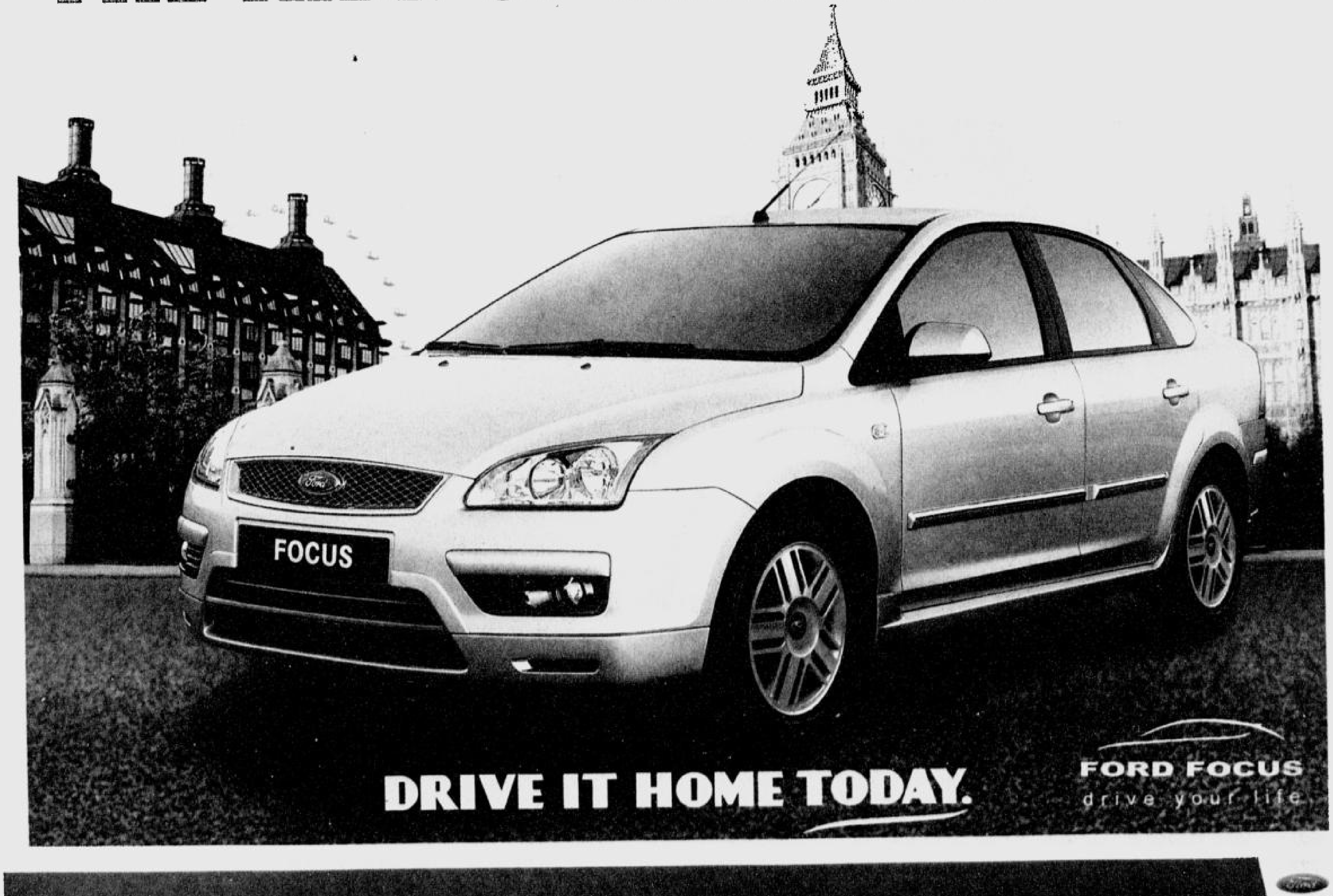
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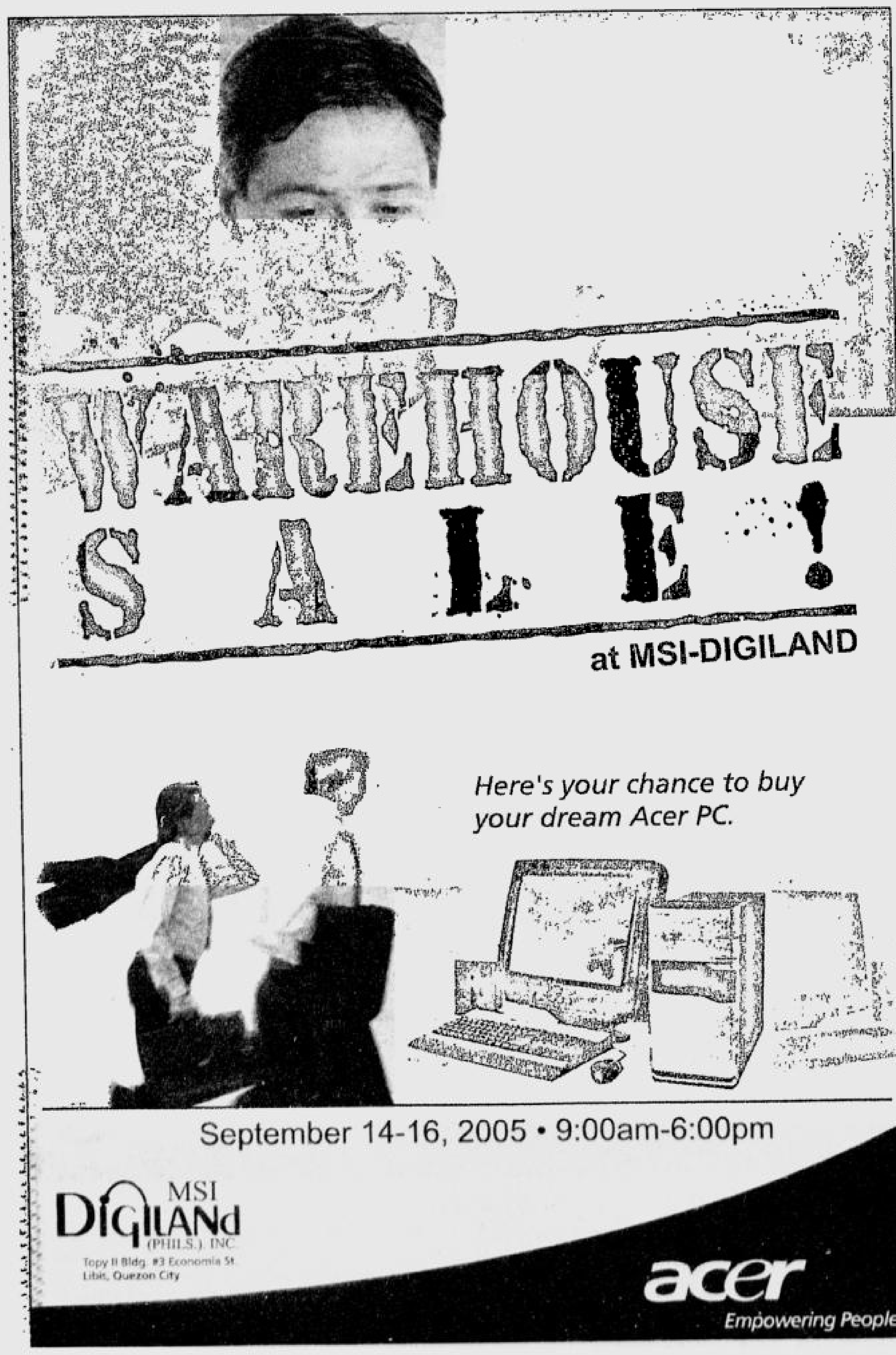
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THE CURRENT MEDIUM-TERM PHILIPPINE Development Plan (MTPDP) for 2004-2010 targets the creation of 1 to 1.2 million new jobs this year, and bring the unemployment rate down to 11.9 percent. The medium-term goal is to bring unemployment rate down to 8.9 percent in 2010, by creating 9.7 to 11.5 million jobs in the next six years.

Most of the new jobs targeted this year are envisaged to come from the services sector (565,000-713,000), followed by agriculture (290,000-331,000) and industry (174,000-212,000).

Are we meeting these targets so far?

Elusive jobs

Not quite, I'm afraid. Latest available data (based on the April 2005 labor and employment survey) show that the economy had generated a total of only 684,000 new jobs over the past 12 months. At the rate we are going, job creation will only be slightly better than half of the target set for this year. On a sectoral breakdown, the picture looks even worse. Not only did agriculture not create enough jobs; it actually lost 121,000 jobs in the past year! Industry created 121,000 new jobs, but still fell well short of the minimum target of 174,000. Services, the mainstay of the economy, created 699,000 new jobs, well within the targeted range.

In contrast, 1.1 million new jobs had been generated in the 12 months preceding April 2004. In other words, job creation this past year has slowed down to just over half of the pace registered in the year before. Of this figure, services had contributed 885,000 and industry 270,000, while agriculture had lost 42,000 jobs.

With about a million new workers entering the labor force every year, the above numbers mean that jobs are still unable to catch up with the new jobseekers. Thus, in percentage terms, the unemployment rate would get worse. Last April, it was 12.9 percent, whereas January posted 11.3 percent.

Record underemployment

What I found even more worrisome about the April labor and employment data was the steep rise in underemployment rate, now at 26.1 percent. We define an underemployed person as someone who had a job, but had signified in the survey that he/she wanted to work more, regardless of whether he/she is already working full time (40 hours a week) or not. In other words, you are underemployed if your present job is not enough to meet your (and your family's) needs.

I have not seen this number reach this level within the last 15 years. Underemployment rate had tended to hover around the 16-22 percent range as far back as I can remember. But the data now show that more than one out of every four Filipino workers does not have an adequate job. Neda's planning and policy director Dennis Arroyo attributes it to higher inflation, with rapidly rising prices severely cutting the purchasing power of workers' current incomes. My own suspicion is that more of the new jobs being generated have been in the informal sector, including the underground economy, where jobs are of lower quality and less stable. Indicative of this is the decline in percentage of wage and salary workers and an increase in the percentage of unpaid family workers and self-employed.

Jobless profile

Where are the unemployed? Of the 4.8 million jobless workers in April, more than a million were in Metro Manila, 684,000 were in the Calabarzon region, and 627,000 were in Central Luzon. These three regions accounted for almost half of all the jobless workers in the country.

Who are the unemployed? About half of the unemployed are young people between the ages of 15 to 24. More than three-fourths (76 percent) of the jobless are 34 years old and younger. One might say that Filipinos are starting off early on poverty.

Of the jobless, close to one-fifth (18.5 percent) are college graduates and a little over a fifth (21 percent) have taken college units without completing. High school graduates make up 29.4 percent of the unemployed, while those with high school units account for 14.4 percent. Elementary school graduates make up 8.9 percent of the jobless, while 7 percent have not finished elementary schooling. With these statistics, one wonders whether it's worth going to college, or even finishing high school at all. Perhaps all those school dropouts are acting rationally after all.

Structural difference

Why is it that there are less than one million unemployed Thais, but close to 5 million jobless Filipinos (or even just 2.9 million under the new "ILO definition" being phased in by the government)? Why is our unemployment rate among the highest, if not the highest, in our part of the world? Why can't our economy generate commensurate jobs, and yet still grow at a rate comparable to our neighbors? Clearly, there is a structural difference that makes our circumstances unique among our neighbors. But that must be the subject of another column.

Comments welcome at chabito@ateneo.edu

Businesses in the grip of crisis

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Still saddled with problems arising from its rehabilitation, Philippine Airlines of taipan Lucio Tan is now looking at escalating operating expenses as fuel costs add more and more to its overall costs.

Oil expenses almost double

Jaime Bautista, PAL president and chief operating officer, says fuel costs now account for as much as 30 percent of the flag carrier's operating cost, almost twice as much as last year's 18 percent. Not really surprising, as jet fuel is now selling for almost $80 a barrel from only $35 last year.

"It affects our cash flow and our bottom line," Bautista says. "And since we're still under rehabilitation, we have to really watch how we spend."

PAL will be under rehabilitation for 12 years or until 2011. With creditors watching its every step, Bautista says the escalating prices of oil have placed a bit of a strain on the airline's operations.

"We have to be very careful in expanding and adding new routes," he says.

Even while PAL's 2005 first-quarter net income rose 73 percent to $27.5 million from $15.9 million in the same period last year, its expenses ate up more of its net revenue, rising 11 percent to $226.7 million from $204.7 million due to higher fuel and maintenance costs.

Cebu Pacific Air of the Gokongwei family is suffering the same fate.

Danilo Mojica, Cebu Pacific general manager, relates that fuel now accounts for around 38 percent of the company's overall costs, rising from 35 percent in early 2004.

Fuel hedging is not even an option for the airline right now, he says, as prices have become too high.

Despite the high fuel costs, Cebu Pacific last year managed to post a huge net income of P130.3 million from P6.8 million in 2003, with improved operations and prudent operating expense management. The significant increase was also attributed to a 21.6-percent rise in revenue to P7.4 billion, due mainly to better domestic and more stable regional operations.

In the January-June period, however, the airline posted a marked decline in profit, falling drastically to P30.7 million from P395.4 million in the same period last year. This was attributed to higher cost of services.

While revenue rose 2 percent to P4 billion in the first half from last year's P3.9 billion, higher fuel expenses pulled up cost of services by 14.3 percent to almost P3 billion from P2.6 billion a year ago.

Like its counterparts in the aviation sector, shipping firm Aboitiz Transport System Corp. is also feeling the adverse effects of rising fuel costs.

This year, fuel as a percentage of the company's total expenses rose to 35 percent from last year's 31 percent, said ATSC investor relations head Vivien Vicente.

"As with all industries that are dependent on oil for their business operations, (the effect of) the rise in oil prices has not been favorable," Vicente says. "It is our single biggest expense. It isn't even part of our operational expenses, but is actually monitored separately, on its own."

Not that affected

Although the alarms have sounded, business groups are taking the energy price spikes in stride.'

Jesus Arranza, president of the Federation of Philippine Industries, says the price increases so far have not made a serious dent on business operators' finances.

"Crisis or not, businesses are always looking for ways to cut down on the cost of doing business, including energy costs," Arranza explains.

He says what FPI members are more concerned about is the imposition of the 10-percent value-added tax on petroleum products and electricity.

"Some quarters say we should not be so concerned since the VAT will be passed on to consumers," Arranza says. "But you cannot pass on everything."

He adds that as costs go up and businesses scrimp, the tendency is for production to go down and to let go of some workers.

"This is particularly true in the manufacturing sector, especially businesses engaged in the production of tires, papers, plastics, chemicals, refined oil, ceramics and cement," he says.

Cement makers, as most of them get their electricity supply from dedicated power plants that run on coal, are not that affected by the global oil price spikes.

"What we need is to amend the reformed VAT law and spare oil and power from the tax," Arranza says.

But at the end of the day, businessmen have admitted that the recent oil price spikes are gradually eroding their profits.

As nobody, not even the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, can control what is currently happening to world oil prices, local firms are now employing all the belt-tightening and efficiency-boosting measures they can think of, if only to stay afloat.

(To be continued)

News: Gokongweis throw a party

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

THE GOKONGWEIS TAKE IT AS A badge of honor, rather than an insult, when people talk about the family being "kuripot."

Last Friday, the Gokongweis did a most unusual thing: throw a noisy party for thousands of employees and business partners to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the family's Robinsons Retail Group.

Held at the country's biggest ballroom of the country's newest, five-star hotel, Crowne Plaza (also Gokongwei-owned), the SRO-party was the group's very first anniversary bash since 1980, when then aspiring taipan John Gokongwei Jr. started a department store in a barn-like building in Ermita.

Contrary to some impression, the department store was not a copycat of a similar chain in Singapore and Thailand; rather, the shingle had been inspired by the second name of Mr. John, whose late mother was a big fan of the fictional self-sufficient adventurer Robinson Crusoe, said Mr. John's eldest daughter, Robina.

The Ermita store has since blossomed to seven retails formats (including Ministop, Handyman and Topman) and 246 stores, the second biggest retail group in the country after the SM Group.

An indication of the Robinsons' reach and depth is that even the president of Ministop Japan, Hiroshi Yoko-o, and Victor Fung, chair of the Hong Kong-based trading empire Li & Fung Group, flew in for the occasion.

Unfortunately for stock market investors, the Robinsons Retail Group is not part of the publicly listed JG Summit, and hence could not take part in its explosive growth.

But here's a tip: Cebu Pacific, which is folded within JG Summit, saw its Manila-Cebu market share rise to 37 percent (from 33 percent) after fielding a brand-new Airbus 320 to ply the route beginning June.

Similarly, the airline's market share in the busy Manila-Davao route jumped to almost 35 percent from 29.5 percent after another new A320 was also fielded.

On the Universal Robina front, the Gokongwei green tea drink, C2, has been flying off the supermarket shelves since its recent introduction that even taipan heir Lance Gokongwei—fearing the infamous Filipino "crab" mentality—has been pleading with the press not to write about its success.

Foreign funds fuel protesters

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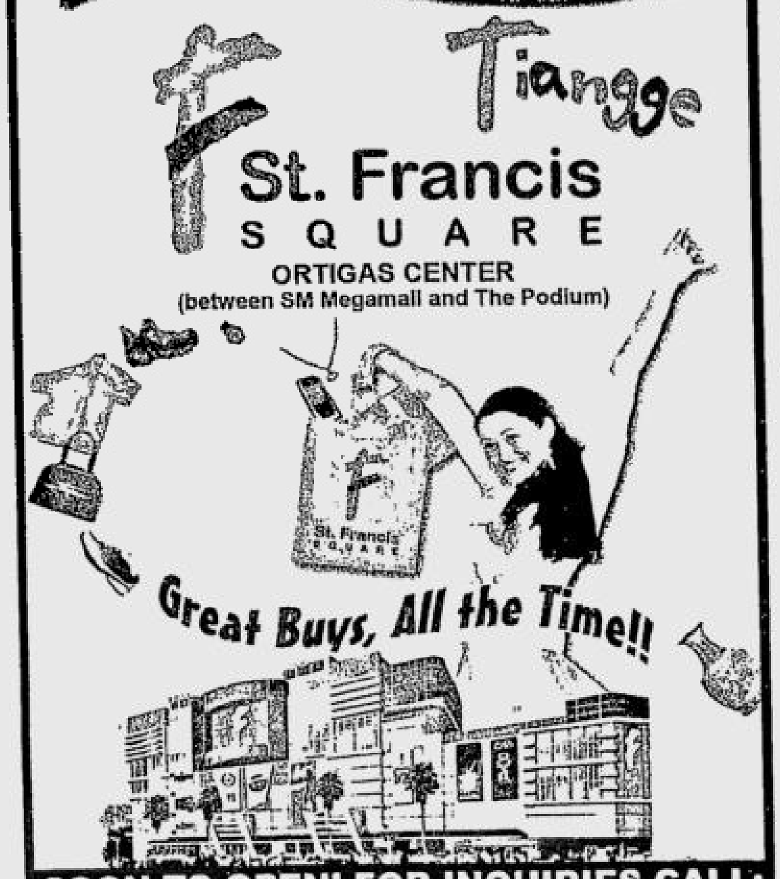

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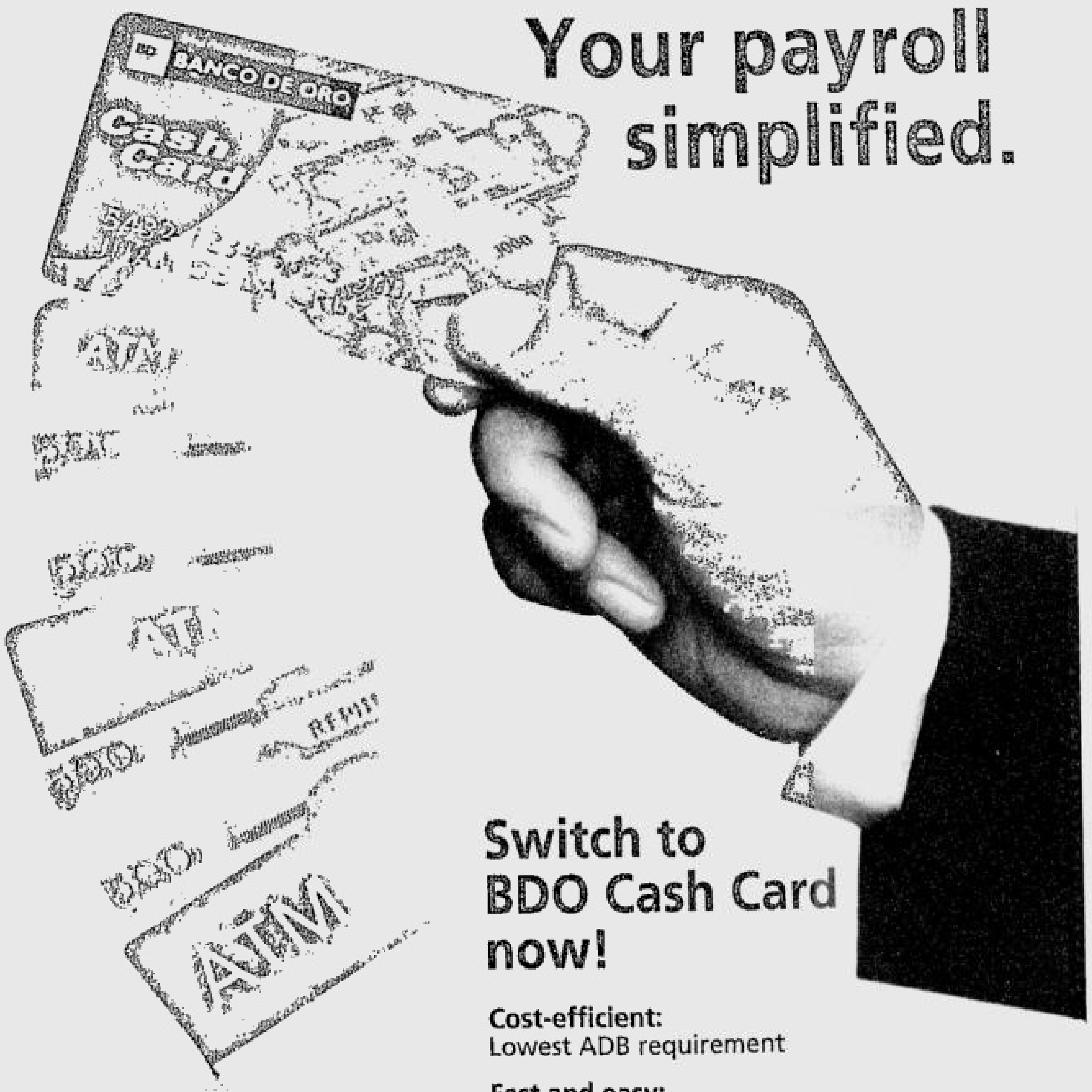

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Stock market corners bulk of 'hot' money inflow

By Daxim L. Lucas

Marking shift in portfolio investments distribution

THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET attracted the bulk of volatile "hot" money investments in the country during the first eight months of the year, helping to cushion the impact of President Macapagal-Arroyo's political crisis on the peso.

In a statement released on Friday, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said Philippine Stock Exchange-listed firms were the main beneficiaries of portfolio funds during the period, accounting for 67.9 percent of total inflows.

This marked a shift from the distribution of portfolio investments in the past years when hot money went mainly to fixed-income investments.

Tetangco said government securities, primarily Treasury bonds, cornered only 31.5 percent of foreign fund inflows, while peso-denominated bank deposits and money market placements accounted for the 0.6-percent balance.

In the week ending Sept. 2, BSP data showed that a total of $2.007 billion in portfolio funds were retained in the local financial markets, on the back of $4.435 billion in inflows and $2.428 billion in repatriations.

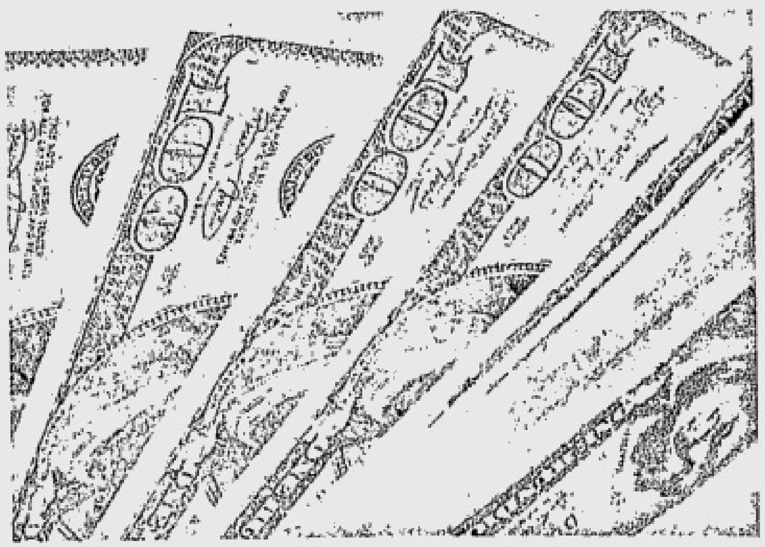
The net inflow during this period was more than 14 times the amount reported during the same period last year of only $139.1 million.

"The Supreme Court ruling on the legality of the value-added tax law, the 4.8-percent gross domestic product growth rate during the second quarter, and the forecast of a slowdown in the inflation rate in August helped boost investor confidence," Tetangco said in his statement.

He added that the interest of foreign investors in Philippine assets has been sustained by the "generally positive" first semester corporate profit results and "sound economic fundamentals," even as oil prices have been escalating and the political crisis has yet to be fully resolved.

The BSP expects foreign fund managers to continue pouring in investments in the fourth quarter, possibly shifting to fixed-income investments as interest rates rise to keep pace with US Fed rate hikes.

The central bank's data on portfolio investments were collated from the weekly reports of the country's five largest custodian banks—Citibank N.A., Standard Chartered Bank, HSBC, Deutsche Bank, and ING Bank—which account for an estimated 95 percent of all short-term foreign funds traffic in the country.



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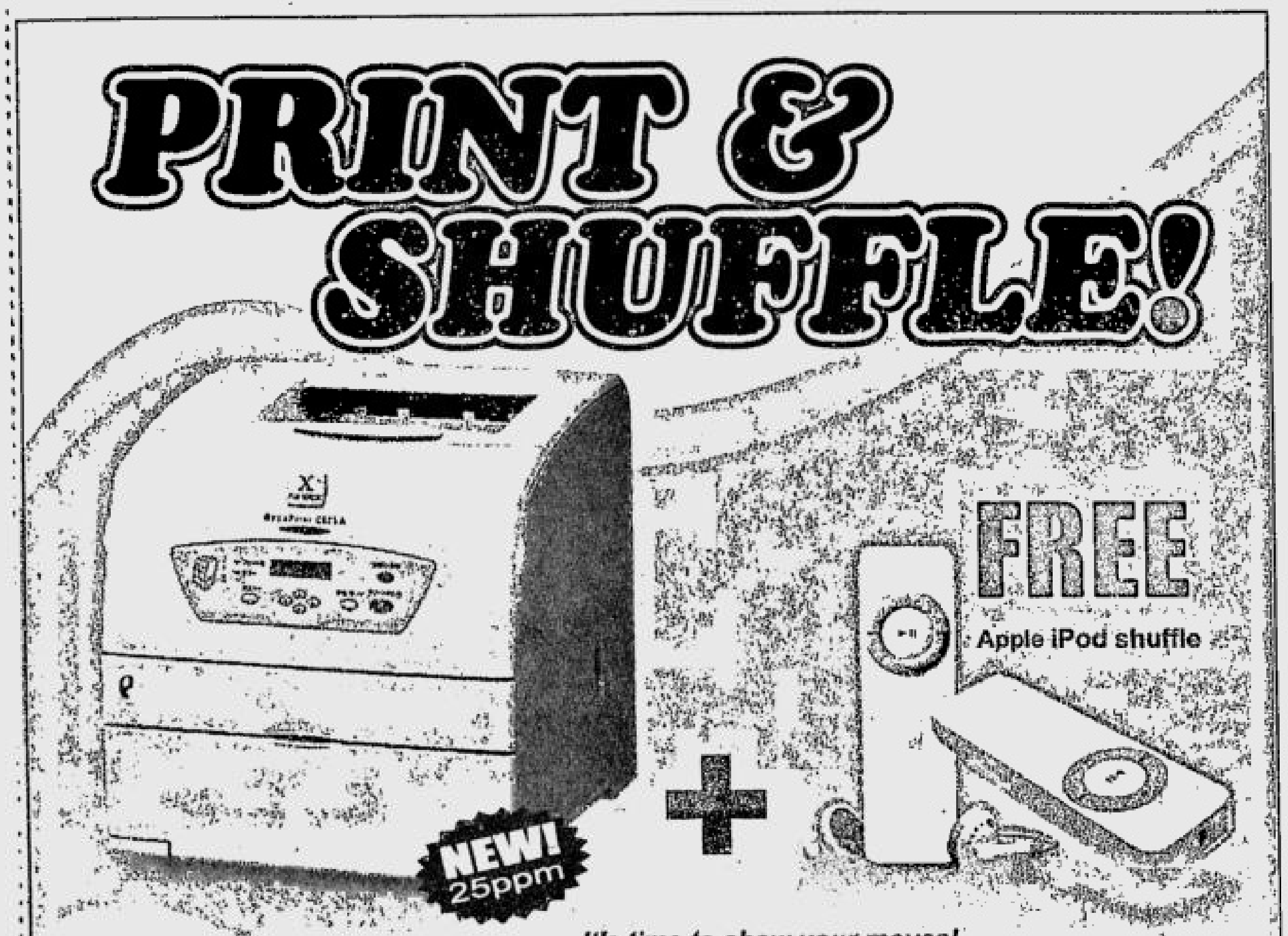

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Is our presidential system outmoded?

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

JOSE V. ABUEVA SAYS: "WHILE THERE ARE many factors behind our continuing poverty and underdevelopment compared to our more progressive neighbors in Asia, a basic problem is our outmoded, over-centralized and stifling presidential system of government, and the dysfunctional political parties that it perpetuates."

Our political parties have not always been dysfunctional. Say what you will against our American colonizers, but from the start they taught us that our political system must have a strong political opposition. In the first elections in 1905 to choose governors and mayors, two parties fought for dominance. The Nacionalista party wanted independence. The Federalista party wanted statehood. The Federalistas won 20 percent of the posts. The party ultimately faded away as statehood lost popular support.

I don't envy the Singaporean parliament where the opposition holds two lonely seats. Or the Malaysian parliament where the deputy minister is in jail for displeasing the prime minister. Or the Myanmar parliament where the winner in the last election has been under house arrest for the past 16 years.

Quezon built the Nacionalista party to become the dominant party. After World War II, the Nacionalista was the only party. Manuel Roxas seceded and put up the Nacionalista Liberal Wing, later simply Liberal. He beat Sergio Osmeña for president.

Our two party-system was maintained by means of a very simple device. Only the Nacionalistas and the Liberals were entitled to inspectors at the counting and canvassing of votes. As a result, no one dared to run as an independent candidate. Lorenzo Tañada's Citizens party was short-lived.

Then, the 1987 Constitution allowed multiple parties. The poll watchers and Namfrel were invented. The Nacionalistas and Liberals lost their built-in edge at the counting and canvassing of votes.

Finally, getting elected became very expensive. Today, a candidate for Congress will need at least P2 million per municipality in campaign funds. Since his party cannot provide him with any funds, he raises the money himself. If he wins, why should he be loyal to the party?

In the Senate, aside from having to raise some P50 million in campaign funds, the candidate gets on the ticket because of his "winnability." If he wins, who owes a favor to whom?

The huge expenses a candidate needs to get elected are the single biggest problem why political parties today cannot keep their members together. This problem will exist regardless of whether the political system will be presidential or parliamentary. In fact in India and Thailand, turncoatism was so rampant that a law had to be enacted which says that if a member of parliament votes against his party on an important issue, he is not only out of the party, but he is booted clearly out of parliament.

There are limits to campaign spending, but nobody pays an attention to them. Comelec simply cannot enforce the rules. Unless some form of campaign financing is put into effect, as in the US and Germany, we will never have strong political parties.

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per its own records, has received more than P60 million from overseas donors in just a span of four years from 2000 to conduct mass actions to press the government to repudiate "corrupt" and "anti-people" foreign debts.

These foreign donors, who remit money year after year without fail, include Bread for the World, Bank Information Center, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, United Church of Canada, Christian Aid, Cordaid, Global Greengrants, Novib, Oxfam-Great Britain, Oxfam-Hong Kong, Swiss Catholic Lenten Fund, Trocaire, Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, Helvetas, and 11.11.11, a Belgian pacifist group.

Aside from funding research and protest actions, the activist group on the side makes sure it has enough leftover money for a provident fund and a multi-purpose fund, the first to finance separation pay and accident and medical benefits, and the second, to provide a forced savings scheme for the FDC officers and employees, with FDC matching the staff contributions.

And, according to FDC records, it even has money to finance personal computer loans for its officers and rank-and-filers.

Based in UP Diliman, FDC reported that it had 22 employees in 1999, and has since established chapters in Cebu, Davao, General Santos, Iloilo, Tacloban, Ozamiz and Zamboanga cities.

Money-go-round

- THE CREATIVE hotshot ad agency, BBDO, has lost its president, Susan Dimacali, as well as a number of key account executives.

- HSBC treasurer Jose Arnulfo Veloso said he was still a junior officer when he left Urban Bank in 1988, and was therefore not part of the Friday dinner held by the defunct bank management committee to celebrate what could have been Urban Bank's 25th anniversary.

Also, ex-Urban Bankers Mario Padilla, Art Manuel and Ricardo Dizon are now with Bank of Commerce, not with Export and Industry Bank, as reported Friday. All three have EVP ranks.

Another ex-Urban Banker, Phoebe Cabildo, is also now with the Bank of Commerce as head of branch banking, with the rank of senior vice president.

- A FORMER Ernst & Young partner assigned in the Philippines, Dale Strickland, has become a whistle-blower, accusing the accounting giant in a Makati court case of illegally doing business in the country and, worse, even evading payment of corporate taxes.

Heard through the grapevine

LANCE Gokongwei's wife, Jay, gave birth to a healthy baby boy last Tuesday, to the delight of Mr. John, who is now assured that his family line has a third generation male heir.

The young Gokongwei, the first for Lance and Jay, is named Jacob, and has already been nicknamed "Jack" by Mrs. John.

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National debt seen going down to 50% of GDP

By Michelle V. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE said the national government's debt would likely go down substantially to only 50.5 percent of the country's gross domestic product by 2010.

This projection was made following the Supreme Court's decision upholding the constitutionality of the Value Added Tax Reform Law and on the assumption that the law would be implemented soon.

As of end-2004, the national government's outstanding debt reached P3.81 trillion, or 80.4 percent of GDP.

The debt level started rising drastically in the late 1990s because of weak government revenue collection, which forced it to incur huge borrowings to finance requirements.

Finance Secretary Margarito Teves said that expected lifting of the VAT law suspension would help the government wipe out its budget deficit by 2008, or earlier than the original target of 2010.

He said that with a zero deficit by 2008 and a budget surplus starting 2009, the government would be able to begin reducing its debt to only 50.5 percent of GDP by 2010.

The government's budget deficit in 2004 stood at P187 billion, or 3.9 percent of GDP.

Without the VAT law, the DOF estimated that the debt figure would decline at a much slower pace, only hitting 71.2 percent of GDP by 2010.

GDP is the total amount of goods and services produced domestically in a given period.

The VAT law will expand the coverage of the tax to include others products and services, including electricity and oil, and will increase the VAT rate from 10 to 12 percent starting 2006. The law will also increase corporate income tax rate from 32 to 35 percent.

Assuming the VAT law is implemented starting Oct. 1, the government could generate P9 billion in additional revenue this year and more than P80 billion yearly beginning 2006.

Naia-3 repair to cost ₱1B

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE MANILA INTERnational Airport Authority is allotting P1 billion of its retained earnings to complete unfinished civil works at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 in preparation for its opening, said MIAA general manager Alfonso Cusi.

He said the bulk of the required amount would be used to complete road construction works and installation of power and communication facilities. Portion of the amount, he added, would be earmarked for the payment of the contractor, mostly likely Takenaka Corp. of Japan, that would complete the remaining unfinished projects at the Naia 3.

The new terminal should have opened in June but was reset for December. The MIAA said delays in the forging of the contract with Takenaka had pushed back the Naia 3's timetable.

Takenaka had agreed in principle to complete the Naia 3 for $50 million plus a $100,000 provision for lawsuit. But the actual signing of the contract with the government had been deferred several times.

The contractor will be required to extend the runway, ensure the structural integrity of the terminal. The government found several construction defects at the terminal.

The MIAA, which runs the Naia terminals, registered a net income of P472 million in the first seven months, up 34 percent from year-ago level and 58 percent more than its P299-million target for the period.

Cusi said the airport's finances improved in view of increased passengers and flights. He said the government would like to open Naia 3 as soon as possible.

Lucio Tan's Asia's Emerging Dragon Corp. and Emilio Yap's Manila Hotel Corp. are vying to operate Naia 3. But Cusi said the government had to bid out the right to operate the new terminal.

The Air Safety Foundation Philippines said the new terminal was unlikely to open this year because of several unfinished components. The access road from Naia 3 to the two other Naia terminals, for instance, has yet to be completed.

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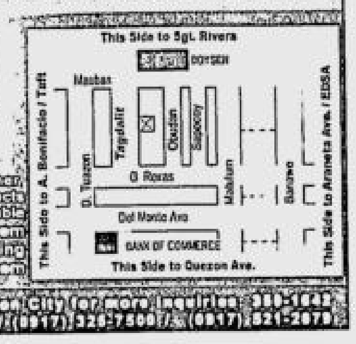

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CALOOCAN

EWB_CAL001 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 2,375 SQM
Saranay Bagumbong
MN. BID PRICE: P 3,087,500

EWB_CAL003 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 1,342 SQM
Saranay Bagumbong
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,744,600

LAS PIÑAS

PDB_LPS002 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 113 SQM
Venice St., BF Homes
MIN. BID PRICE: P 835,000

CSB_LPS031 - TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 60sqm
Olivares Ibarra Subd.
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,500,000

MALABON

CSB_MLB 04 - INDST'L w/ Warehouse
L.A 1,000sqm F.A 393sqm
Brgy Panguio
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,500,000

MAKATI

CSB_MKT 002 - APARTMENT BLDG
L.A 240sqm F.A 109sqm
Along Ecuela St., Guadalupe
MIN. BID PRICE: P 4,000,000

EWB_MKT004 - OFFICE CONDO w/ PARKING
LA 277.63 SQM
World Center Tower, Sen. Gil Puyat
MIN. BID PRICE: P 15,275,200

PDB_MKT004- TOWNHOUSE
FA 145 9 SQM (3 BEDROOM)
Villas de Guadalupe, Bernardino St.
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,837,000

MANILA

PDB_MLA005 - INDUSTRIAL LOT
LA 464.79 SQM
Harbor Center, Industrial Park, Tondo
MIN. BID PRICE: P 5,600,000

PDB_MLA006 - OFFICE CONDO
F.A 614 SQM
F Agoncillo St cor. Pedro Gil, Ermita
MIN. BID PRICE: P 13,508,000

MUNTINLUPA

CSB_MUN029 - SCHOOL BLDG.
L.A: 3,859 sqm w/ Various Lots
Hen. Roman A. Cruz
MIN. BID PRICE: P 54,000,000

PDB_MUN007 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 1,400 SQM
Bo. Sucat Int. East Sevice Rd.
MIN. BID PRICE: P 8,400.000

ORTIGAS CENTER

RL_PSG066 - RESIDENTIAL CONDO
F.A 128 SQM w/ PARKING
AIC GOLD TOWER
Back of Robison Galleria
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,840,000

PARANAQUE

PHL_PRQ001 - HOUSE & LOT
LA 259 SQM / FA 635 SQM
Salvador Estate Subd., Sucat
MIN BID PRICE: P 5,000,000

PASAY

PDB_PSY009 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 103 6sqm.
St. Francis St., Bo. Maricaban
MIN. BID PRICE: P 259,750

QUEZON CITY

CSB_QC030 - RESIDENTIAL CONDO
L.A. 67.87sqm. (4 units)
Regalia Tower, Cubao
MIN. BID PRICE: P3,500,000 / P4,000,000

CSB_QC008 - MIX-USE CONDO
F.A 33.30sqm
San Jose Condo II Maginoo, Sikatuna
MIN. BID PRICE: P 600,000

CSB_QC27 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A 250sqm. F.A 294sqm
Pilmini St., cor. Judge Juan Luna, SFDM
MIN. BID PRICE. CALL US

PHL_QC002 - HOUSE & LOT
LA 510 SQM
Esteban Abada St., Loyola Hts.
MIN. BID PRICE: P 6,500,000

PHL_QC003 - VACANT LOT
LA 280 SQM
Blackburn St., Neopolitan Subd., Novaliches
MIN BID PRICE P 1,300,000

PDB_QC012 - HOUSE & LOT
LA 618 SQM
Greenfields III, Novaliches,
MIN. BID PRICE: P 9,836,852.77

PDB_QC013 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 146 SQM
Xavierville Ave., Loyola Hts.
MIN. BID RPICE: 1,700,000

MU_QC087 - TOWN HOUSE
F.A 343 125 SQM w/ Parking
10th St. New Manila
MIN. BID PRICE P 13,725,000

SAN JUAN

CSB_SJ009 - 5 STOREY BLDG
L.A 574sqm F.A 3,584 (55% FINISHED)
Hardboard cor. B. Padilla St., Little Baguio
MIN. BID PRICE: P 28,500,000

VALENZUELA

PDB_VAL014 - RESIDENTIAL BLDG
LA 193 SQM
Bernardino Subd
MIN. BID PRICE: 930,000

PDB_VAL015 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A SQM
Viente Reales Tugatog
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,115,000

BAGUIO CITY

CSB_BGC021 - COMMERCIAL BLDG
L.A 1,705sqm F.A 2,907sqm
Kilometer 5 Trinidad Rd.
MIN. BID PRICE: P 40 Milion + 7 Milion Tax

BATANGAS

MMA_BAT089 BEACH FRONT LOTS
VERDE ISLAND
L.A. 102 SQM.
MIN. BID PRICE: P1,248,000
L.A. 182 SQM.
MIN BID PRICE: P1,833,000
L.A. 304 SQM
MIN. BID PRICE: P1,976,000

CSB_BAT016 - 13 PARCELS OF LAND
L.A 68,538sqm (w/ Taal View)
Brgy. Quiling, Talisay
MIN. BID PRICE. P 6,854,000

EWB_BAT005- VACANT LOT
LA 10,389 SQM
Bo. Sampaguita, Lipa City
MIN. BID PRICE: P 7,272,000

PHL_BAT004 - 6 DR APT. BLDG.
LA 337 SQM / FA 447 SQM
Bo Don Luis, San Jose,
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,300,000

PDB_BAT082 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 637 SQM
Gladiola St. City Park Subd., Lipa
MIN. BID PRICE: P 828,100

PDB_BAT083 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A 242 SQM
C V Lopez St. Lipa
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,616,555

PDB_BAT084 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A 800 SQM
Brgy Balintawak, Lipa
MIN. BID PRICE. P 2,400,000

MU_BAT085 - VACANT LOT
L.A 735 SQM w/ Taal Lake View
George Town Vct'n Estate, Talisay
MIN BID PRICE: P 6,468,000

BULACAN

PHL_BUL005 - HOUSE & LOT
LA 380 SQM / FA 168 SQM
Gardenville Subd P. Buhangin, Sta. Maria
MIN BID PRICE: P 1,500,000

PHL_BUL006 - VACANT LOT
LA 418 SQM - Gardenville Subd.
P. Buhangin, Sta. Maria
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,300,000

PDB_BLN016 - COMM'L LOT
LA 334 SQM w/ BUILDING
Borol 1st, Balagtas
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,400,000

PDB_BLN017 - HOUSE & LOT
LA 1,867 SQM
Brgy. San Juan, Balagtas
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,490,000

PDB_BLN 018 - HOUSE & LOT
LA 1,444 SQM
Virgen delos Flores, Baliuag
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,599,600

PDB_BLN 019 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 240 SQM
Carmela Homes, Brgy. Sabang
MIN. BID PRICE: P 480,000

PDB_BLN 020 - RESIDENTIAL
LA 672 SQM w/WAREHOUSE
Rustia St., Tibag, Baliuag
MIN. BID PRICE: P 4,000,000

PDB_BLN 021 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 378 SQM w/ BLDG
Wakas St., Caingin, Bocaue
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,153,000

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LA 631 SQM w/ BLDG
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MIN BID PRICE: P 1,877,500

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LA 658 SQM
Triple Junction Subd., Matungao
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,045,000

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LA 664 SQM w/ BLDG
Brgy Tuktukan, Guiguinto
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PDB_BLN025 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 132 SQM
Maunlad Homes, Sta. Rita, Guiguinto
MIN. BID PRICE: P 500,000

PDB_BLN026 - FISHPOND
LA 176,110 SQM
San Roque, Hagonoy
MIN. BID PRICE: P 4,100,000

PDB_BLN027 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 130 SQM
Town & Country PH4 Abangan, Marilao
MIN. BID PRICE: P 286,000

PDB_BLN028 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 1,102 SQM w/ BLDG
Santisima, Bagong Barrio, Pandi
MIN. BID PRICE: P 881,000

PDB_BLN029 - COMMERCIAL LOT
LA 991 SQM w/ BLDG
Brgy. Sapang Putol, San Ildefonso
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,077,500

PDB_BLN030 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 337 SQM
Vindienta Comp. Saluysoy, Meycauayan
MIN BID PRICE: P 1,142,500

PDB_BLN031 - COMMERCIAL LOT
LA 607SQM
Prov Rd., Hulo, Meycauayan
MIN. BID PRICE: P 4,249,000

PDB_BLN032 - VACANT LOT
LA 2,730 SQM
Bunsuran, Pandi
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,700,000

PDB_BLN034 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 1,102SQM
Santisima, Bagong Bo. Pandi
MIN BID PRICE: P 881,000

PDB_BLN035 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 991 SQM
Brgy. Sapang Putol, San Ildefonso
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,077,500

CAVITE

CSB_CVT011- 2 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
L.A 53,332sqm
Manila Southwood Ph II, Carmona
MIN. BID PRICE: P 21,333,000

CSB_CVT012- 4 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
L.A 78,277sqm
Brgy. Road, Brgy. De Ocampo
MIN BID PRICE: P 56,000,000

CSB_CVT013 - 2 RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 7,644sqm
Poblacion, Silang
MIN. BID PRICE: P 14,000,000

CSB_CVT015- HOUSE & LOT
L.A 279 5sqm F.A 108sqm
Along Rd Novelata, Binakayan, Kawit
MIN. BID PRICE. P 2,000,000

PDB_CVT048 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 250 SQM
Metro South Subd., Gen. Trias
MIN. BID PRICE: P 750,000

PDB_CVT049 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 626 SQM
Trece Martinez St. cor Magallanes
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,762,708

PDB_CVT050 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 249 SQM
T & C West Molino, Bacoor
MIN. BID PRICE: P 622,500

PDB_CVT051 - RESIDENTIALLOT
L.A 240 SQM
Coastal City, Timalan Naic
MIN. BID PRICE: P 432,000

PDB_CVT052 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 1,400 SQM
Bo. Sucat Int., East Sevice Rd.
MIN. BID PRICE: P 8,400,000

PDB_CVT053 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 316 SQM
Bust St., Royale Tagaytay, Alfonso
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,738,000

PDB_CVT054 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 485 SQM
US Costal City, Naic
MIN BID PRICE: P 873,000

EWB_CVT006 - 2 STY RSDL DUPLEX
LA 80 SQM F.A 55.74SQM
Greenwoods H'ts Paliparan, Dasmarinas
MIN BID PRICE: P 950,000

ILOILO

EWB_ILO007 - 2 VACANT LOTS
LA 600 SQM
Along National Hi-way District of Jaro
MIN. BID PRICE: P 4,800,000

LAGUNA

LDB_097 - RSDL LOT w/ 2 STY. BLDG.
LA 494 SQM / FA 340 SQM
Filinvest, Binan, Laguna
MIN. BID PRICE: P 6,000,000

LDB 102 - RSD'L/ COMM'L LOT
L.A. 818 sqm
Lakeview Subd., San Pablo City
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,200,000

LDB_103 - COMMERCIAL BLDG.
LA 2,700 SQM / FA 997 SQM
LA 2,700 SQM / FA 235 SQM
LA 4,909 SQM
Brgy. Lechena, Calamba City
MIN BID PRICE P 90,000,000

LDB_110 - HOSE & LOT
LA 150 SQM / FA 280 SQM
Pulong Sta. Cruz, Sta. Rosa
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,286,000

LDB 112 - RSDL / COMMERCIAL LOT
LA 3,000 sqm/1,000 sqm
Highway Papawisan, Sta. Cruz
MIN BID PRICE: P 20,000,000

PDB_LGN059 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 435 SQM
Pleasant Village, Tuntungin Putho
MIN BID PRICE: P 652,500

PDB_LGN060 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 150 SQM
Jamaica Hills Subd., Bambang Los Baños
MIN. BID PRICE. P 525,000

PDB_LGN065 - RESIDENTIALLOT
L.A 240 SQM
Cuervoville Subd., Real, Calamba
MIN. BID PRICE: P 840,000

PDB_LGN066 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 240 SQM
Green Valley Subd. Brgy., San Francisco
MIN. BID PRICE: P 480,000

PDB_LGN067 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 297 SQM
Carbern Village, Brgy. Anos, Los Baños
MIN. BID PRICE: P 742,500

PDB_LGN068 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A 1,174 SQM
Nat'l Rd. Brgy. Batong Malaki, Los Baños
MIN. BID PRICE: P 10,528,000

PDB_LGN069 - RSDL LOT
L.A 131,482 SQM
Brgy. Sitio Sumucab, Cavinti
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,972,000

PDB_LGN070 - RSDL LOT
L.A 198 SQM
Christopher II Subd. Mayapa, Calamba
MIN. BID PRICE: P 297,000

PDB_LGN071 - AGRI - LOT
L.A 9,495 SQM
Santol Laguerta, Calamba
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,373,750

PDB_LGN072 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 1,000 SQM
Chico St Ceris Subd., Canlubang
MIN. BID PRICE: P 4,120,000

PDB_LGN073 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 480 SQM
Brgy. Anos Los Baños
MIN. BID PRICE: P 196,000

PDB_LGN074 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A 491.4 SQM
Nat'l High-way Real Calamba
MIN. BID PRICE: P 7,371,000

PDB_LGN075 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 2,000 SQM
A. Licaroz St. Cabanbanan, Pagsanjan
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,469,000

PDB_LGN076 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 108 SQM
Rizal St. Brgy. Balimbingan, Lumban
MIN. BID PRICE. P 1,402,000

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PDB_LGN078 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 1,173 SQM
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PDB_LGN079 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 645 SQM
Amar Subd Brgy. V Balibago
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,380,500

PDB_LGN080- RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 532 SQM
F. Gomez Brgy. Kanluran 1
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PDB_LGN081 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 334 SQM
Victoria St. Las Vilas de Manila
MIN. BID PRICE P 2,000,000

MINDORO

PDB_MIN057 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 432 SQM
Bo. Sampaguita Victoria, Oriental
MIN. BID PRICE: P 269,000

PDB_MIN058 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 2,804 SQM
Tibag Calapan
MIN. BID PRICE. P 6,700,000

NUEVA ECIJA

PDB_NE036 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 300 SQM
Bo. Bangad, Cabanatuan City
MIN. BID PRICE P 400,000

PDB_NE036 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 3,491 SQM
Purok3 Brgy Pula Cabanatuan
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,491,000

PDB_NE038 - RSDL VACANT LOT
LA 4,216 SQM
Sto. Tomas Penaranda
MIN BID PRICE P 4,218,000

PAMPANGA

CSB_PMG019 - WARE HOUSE
L.A 4,000sqm F.A 510sqm
Dudurot Rd Brgy. Sulipan Apalit
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,050,000

PDB_PAM039 - 2 VACANT LOTS
LA 566 SQM
Bagong Pag-asa Subd., San Vicente
MIN. BID PRICE P 622,600

PDB_PAM040 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 347 SQM
Brgy San Francisco II Minalin
MIN. BID PRICE: P 659,300

QUEZON

QCP_QP003 - AGRI LOT
L.A 79,671 SQM
Brgy. Paiola, Lucban
MIN. BID. PRICE: P 3,200,000

QCP_QP006 - 2 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
L.A 500 SQM (Each)
Brgy Bignay 1, Sariaya
MIN. BID. PRICE: 1,911,750

PDB_QP055 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 240 SQM
Hermanos Subd, Bgy. Gulang Gulang
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,268,000

PDB_QP056 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A 948 SQM
Marilag Subd., Bgy. Gulang-Gulang
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,504,000

RIZAL

CSB_RZL026 - WAREHOUSE BLDG.
L.A 3,828sqm.F.A 2,928sqm
Valley Golf Dr. Mapandan, Cainta
MIN. BID PRICE: P 38,700,000

PDB_RZL041 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 1,046 SQM
Aveamar Subd., Bo. San Isidro, Angono
MIN. BID PRICE. P 2,092,000

PDB_RZL042 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 300 SQM
Delaware St. Palos Verde Exec.
MIN. BID PRICE: P 900,000

PDB_RZL043 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 668 SQM
Sunbird St. Victoria Alley Subd
MIN. BID PRICE. P 1,670,000

PDB_RZL045 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 471 SQM
Carlton Vill., Bo. Manggahan
MIN BID PRICE P 1,083,300

PDB_RZL046 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 584 SQM
Gloria Vista Subd, Brgy. San Rafael
MIN. BID PRICE. P 992,000

PDB_RZL047 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
LA 600 SQM
Gloria Vista Subd., Brgy. San Rafael
MIN. BID PRICE P 1,020,000

TAGAYTAY CITY

CSB_TGY017 - 3 RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A (a) 349sqm: (b) 190sqm
(a) B1 L5 St. Joseph Subd., Brgy. Mendez
(b) B1 L2 St. Joseph Subd., Brgy. Mendez
MIN BID PRICE
(a) P1,745,000 (b) 895,000

TAGUIG

CSB_TAG030 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 400sqm
E. Aguinaldo Ave., AFP Fort Bonifacio
MIN BID PRICE. P 4,000,000

TARLAC CITY

MDG_TRC068 MANGO ORCHARD
L.A 39,324 SQM
Sto. Niño
MIN. BID PRICE: P9,000,000

CSB_TLC020 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A 240sqm F.A 131sqm
3RD St. Fairlane Subd., San Rafael
MIN. BID PRICF P 700,000.00

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First Gen considers IPO in 2005

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

FIRST GENERATION Corp., the holding company of the Lopez group's power generation assets, is braving an initial public offering this year to raise P11.22 billion in capital.

If it pushes through, First Gen will be only the third major company to conduct an IPO after water distributor Manila Water Co. and holding firm SM Investments Corp.

In a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), First Gen said it would offer between 151.6 and 219.9 million shares at P51 to P74 a share.

The total offer size has yet to be finalized. Of this number, around 70 to 80 percent will be sold to foreign investors, said industry sources familiar with the deal.

First Gen wants to to lure investors from Hong Kong, the United States and London to participate in its IPO.

First Gen has tapped UBS Investment Bank and CLSA Limited as international underwriters, while ATR-Kim Eng Capital Partners and BDO Capital & Investment Corp. will handle the local issue.

In its disclosure, First Gen said it would use the proceeds to improve existing facilities, expand capacity, acquire power generation facilities or develop new projects.

The company has investments in four major operating power generation projects: The 1,000-megawatt Santa Rita plant in Batangas (60 percent), the 500-MW San Lorenzo plant also in Batangas (60 percent); the 225-MW Bauang plant in La Union (37.3 percent) and the 1.6-MW Agusan mini-hydroelectric plant (100 percent).

The bulk of the company's revenues in power generation comes from the Santa Rita plant, which generated P14.64 billion in revenues as of June this year, followed by its San Lorenzo plant at P7.1 billion.

Its three power plants—Sta.Rita, San Lorenzo and Bauang—supply power to the Luzon Grid.

First Gen is 88.4-percent owned by First Philippine Holdings.

The balance is distributed between Asian Infrastructure Development Company FG Power Corp. Ltd., a $400 million investment fund involved in Asian private infrastructure projects which holds 7.75 percent in First Gen, and Sumitomo, one of the largest trading conglomerates in Japan with 3.81 percent.

Sources said the IPO would give First Gen the financial muscle to bid for major power projects of the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM) after raising P5 billion from the issuance of fixed rate bonds.

Sources said First Gen was seriously looking at government power assets up for sale.

It earlier indicated interest in the 500-megawatt Sucat Genco II and Calaca power plant, but the bidding was cancelled.

PSALM bid out the 600-Megawatt Calaca coal-fired plant in July.

But without a transition supply contract (TSC) to ensure a ready market for its electricity, the prospective bidders pulled out, forcing PSALM to cancel the bidding.

PSALM, the government agency tasked to undertake the sale of the country's idle power assets is set to privatize seven more hydropower plants.

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Camp John Hay	170,000	-
Canlubang	500,000	450,000
Canyon Woods	125,000	-
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Makati Sports Club "A"	220,000	-
Makati Sports Club "B"	250,000	-
Manila Golf (Corporate)	-	11,200,000
Manila Golf (Individual)	-	11,000,000
Manila Polo	2,200,000	2,100,000
Manila Southwoods "A"	380,000	350,000
Manila Southwoods "B"	740,000	650,000
Manila Yacht Club	400,000	300,000
Metroclub "A"	120,000	80,000
Mimosa (Corporate)	-	400,000
Mt. Malarayat Gold "A"	230,000	-
Mt. Malarayat Gold "C"	350,000	280,000
Orchard Golf Club "A"	170,000	-
Orchard Golf Club "B"	-	250,000
Orchard Golf Club "C"	350,000	-
Quezon City Sports Club	150,000	130,000
Rockwell	Please Call	-
Spa & Lodge	580,000	500,000
Sta. Elena "A"	1,200,000	1,100,000
Sta. Elena "B"	-	1,500,000
Subic Bay Yacht (Corporate)	170,000	-
Subic Bay Yacht (Individual)	100,000	-
Tagaytay Country Club	360,000	330,000
Tagaytay Highlands	750,000	650,000
Tagaytay Midlands	650,000	600,000
The Palms Country Club	Please Call	-
Valle Verde (Individual)	120,000	-
Valle Verde (Corporate)	200,000	-
Valley Golf	200,000	-
Wack-Wack Golf Club	6,500,000	6,000,000

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Alta Vista Corp.	-	300,000
Baguio Country Club	550,000	-
Calatagan Golf	40,000	-
Camp John Hay	170,000	140,000
Canlubang Golf	-	400,000
Canyon Woods	120,000	-
Capitol Hills	80,000	-
Cebu Country Club	1,500,000	-
Celebrity Sports	120,000	100,000
City Sports Club Cebu	Pls. Call	-
Club Filipino	Pls. Call	90,000
Eagleridge A/B*/C**	190,000/Pls. Call**	150,000/250,000*
Eastridge A/B*	Pls. Call	-
Evercrest	85,000	-
Forest Hills A/B*/C**	130,000/200,000*	-
Manila Golf Corporate	Pls. Call	-
Manila Golf Individual	Pls. Call	-
Manila Polo	2,150,000	-
Manila Southwoods A/B*	380,000	650,000*
Makati Sports Club	-	180,000
Metropolitan Club A/B*	120,000/150,000*	-
Mimosa C2/C3*	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
Mt. Malarayat A	220,000	180,000
Orchard A/B*/C**	170,000/Pls. Call*/430,000**	150,000/350,000**
Puerto Azul	Pls. Call	-
Punta Fuego	Pls. Call	-
Quezon City Sports Club	150,000	-
Riviera Golf A/B*/C**	90,000/180,000*/250,000**	120,000*
Rockwell Leisure Club	Pls. Call	-
Royale Tagaytay CC	80,000	-
Sherwood A/C**	70,000/150,000**	-
Spa & Lodge	850,000	-
Sta. Elena Golf A/B*	1,200,000/1,500,000*	1,100,000
Subic Golf	Pls. Call	-
Subic Yacht Club	Pls. Call	-
The Palms Country Club	500,000	-
Tagaytay Country Club	Pls. Call	-
Tagaytay Highlands	750,000	-
Tagaytay Midlands	Pls. Call	-
The Country Club	2,000,000	-
Tower Club	Pls. Call	-
Valley Golf	220,000	-
Valle Verde Ind.	120,000	-
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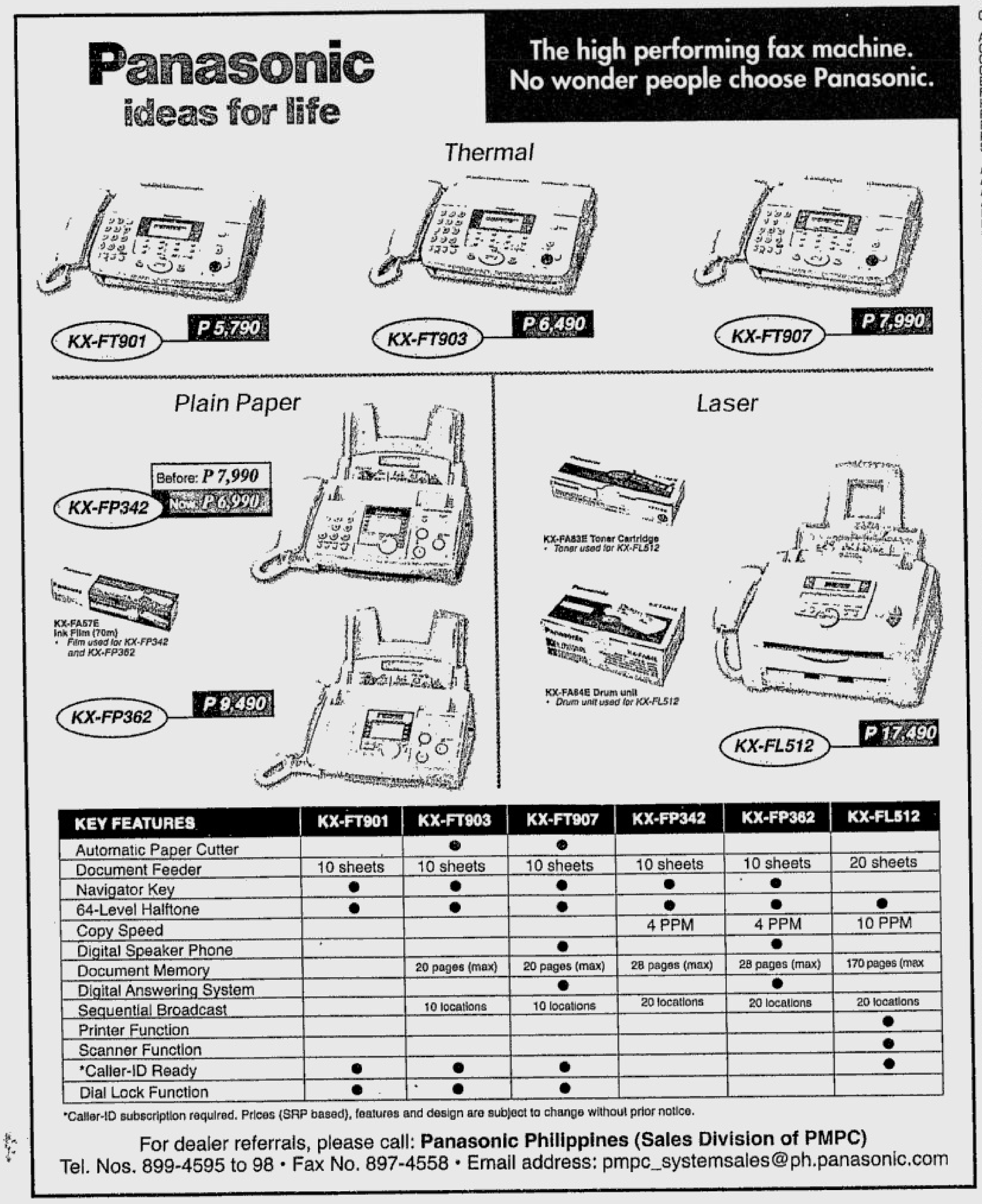

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STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4	4	4	4	9,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	30.5	30.5	30	30	89,600
Bank of the Phil. Islands	52	52	50.5	50.5	725,900
China Banking Corp.	830	830	830	830	100
Citystate Savings Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	1,500
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	350,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	49.5	49.5	48.5	48.5	181,100
International Exch. Bank	18.5	18.75	18.5	18.75	111,500
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27.5	28	26.5	26.5	339,300
Philippine National Bank	36	36	35.5	35.5	7,000
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	14.75	15	14.75	14.75	89,000
Security Bank Corp.	29.5	30	29.5	30	35,400
Union Bank of the Phil.	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.5	1,100
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Filipino Fund Inc.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	1,000
First Metro Invest. Corp.	255	255	255	255	10
Manulife Financial Corp.	2840	2840	2840	2840	80
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	50,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2070	2070	2070	2070	440
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.98	0.99	0.96	0.98	2,110,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	730	735	725	725	21,960
Ipeople Inc.	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	57,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	500,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.055	0.055	0.0525	0.0525	5,100,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	2.9	2.9	2.85	2.85	1,240,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1570	1580	1560	1575	140,210
Ivantage Corp.	0.58	0.58	0.57	0.57	750,000
Philweb Corp.	0.017	0.017	0.015	0.016	153,800,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	14	14	14	14	23,200
Manila Electric Co. B	22	22.25	21.25	21.5	1,500,600
Manila Water Co. Inc.	6.2	6.2	5.9	6	4,437,000
Petron Corp.	3.15	3.2	3.1	3.1	1,024,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	1.24	1.24	1.2	1.2	500,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Aboitiz Trans. Sys. Corp.	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	2,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	8.1	8.4	8.1	8.3	2,270,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	130,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.56	0.56	0.54	0.54	650,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	126,000
Republic Cement Corp.	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	10,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	180,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	13,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	31	31	31	31	75,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	35	35	34.5	34.5	271,500
RFM Corp.	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	250,000
San Miguel Corp. A	65	65.5	65	65	40,300
San Miguel Corp. B	92.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	229,000
Universal Robina Corp.	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	2,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	680,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	13,000,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	0.008	0.009	0.008	0.009	5,000,000
Ayala Corp.	290	290	282.5	282.5	57,350
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	5	5	4.95	4.95	1,141,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.026	0.026	0.025	0.025	18,600,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2	2.02	2	2.02	1,203,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	77,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.77	0.77	0.73	0.73	940,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	6,000
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.13	0.13	0.125	0.125	400,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.04	1.04	1	1	21,096,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.23	710,000
CADP Group Corp.	1	1.04	1	1.04	60,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.195	0.195	490,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	100,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3.05	3.05	3	3	1,969,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.12	1.12	1.1	1.1	170,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.4	1,236,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	40.5	40.5	39	39.5	801,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	50,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.82	170,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.32	1.32	1.3	1.3	4,949,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.32	10,490,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	90,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1.04	1.06	1.04	1.06	12,000
SM Investments Corp.	206	206	202	203	75,990
South China Resources Inc.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	100,000
Tanduay Holdings Inc.	4.3	4.3	4.15	4.15	55,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	100,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	700,000
Vivant Corp.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	10,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	40,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.93	0.93	0.92	0.92	2,450,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.54	1.56	3,391,000
Manila Jockey Club	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	50,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	620,000
Philippine Racing Club	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	119,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (PDR)	13.25	13.25	13	13	952,200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series K	11	11	10	10	1,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Q	11	11	11	11	500
PLDT (10% Pref.) SerieS U	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10	10.5	10	10.5	1,900
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	11	11	10.25	10.25	1,700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,000
PLDT 10% Pref Series AA	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,000
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	7.8	8	7.8	8	39,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.4	7,217,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	410,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.22	2,260,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	1,600,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.34	1,240,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.36	1.36	1.28	1.28	2,659,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.215	0.215	0.205	0.21	370,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	2,500,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	4.25	4.3	4.25	4.3	28,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	40,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.9	7	6.8	6.9	6,719,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	1.08	1.08	1	1.06	1,014,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	1.1	1.1	1	1.08	879,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	65,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	6.5	6.6	6.3	6.3	460,000
Benguet Corp. A	8	8	8	8	11,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	1.8	1.84	1.8	1.82	19,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.34	0.34	0.32	0.32	4,660,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.35	7,640,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	165,400,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.025	0.025	0.024	0.024	99,100,000
Omico Corp.	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	51,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.85	0.85	0.81	0.84	2,240,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	1.04	1.06	1	1	1,974,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	29.5	29.5	28.5	29	372,200
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.32	410,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	1,400,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	65,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.009	0.009	0.0085	0.0085	93,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.44	0.47	0.43	0.43	3,220,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.47	0.49	0.45	0.45	2,230,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	115,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	1,590,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.43	0.43	0.41	0.41	580,000

CURRENCIES

September 11, 2005 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.806712	1.000000	56.0770
Japan	Yen	0.007302	0.009051	0.5076
United Kingdom	Pound	1.480800	1.835600	102.9349
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.103879	0.128768	7.2209
Switzerland	Franc	0.648222	0.803536	45.0599
Canada	Dollar	0.683017	0.846668	47.4786
Singapore	Dollar	0.481188	0.596481	33.4489
Australia	Dollar	0.622126	0.771188	43.2459
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.139933	2.652661	148.7533
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.215106	0.266645	14.9527
Brunei	Dollar	0.479757	0.594707	33.3494
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000078	0.000097	0.0054
Thailand	Baht	0.019695	0.024414	1.3691
UAE	Dirham	0.219651	0.272279	15.2686
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.239600	69.5130
Argentina	Peso	0.277937	0.344531	19.3203
Brazil	Real	0.348246	0.431686	24.2077
Denmark	Kroner	0.134155	0.166298	9.3255
India	Rupee	0.018456	0.022878	1.2829
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.214038	0.265322	14.8785
Mexico	New Peso	0.075218	0.093240	5.2286
New Zealand	Dollar	0.568748	0.705020	39.5354
Norway	Kroner	0.128475	0.159258	8.9307
Korea	Won	0.000786	0.000974	0.0546
Sweden	Kroner	0.107247	0.132943	7.4550
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.024668	0.030578	1.7147

Uneventful trading . . .

From page B1

chief operating officer at online broker 2TradeAsia.com.

Alfred Dy, head of research at CLSA Philippines, said the absence of fresh corporate news was keeping investors on the sidelines.

He added that investors were also tracking how soon the expanded value-added tax law would be implemented after the Supreme Court upheld its constitutionality.

"There have been positive economic news last week but the political scenario and the delays in the economic reforms are overshadowing these. We think people are still fixated on how the (VAT) will be implemented in its entirety," Dy said.

Cerdenia added that market participants would monitor the release of the implementing guidelines on the VAT once the Supreme Court lifts its temporary restraining order on the measure. *Elizabeth L. Sanchez*

$5B IN FIVE YEARS

PCCI boosts tourism

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE PHILIPPINE Chamber of Commerce and Industry has stepped up efforts to promote small and medium scale investments in tourism and tourism-related services under a program aimed at earning $5 billion in five years.

Sabsy Palanca, chair of the PCCI's tourism committee, said she was pushing for a two-pronged approach of "branding" provinces as tourism destinations and developing business opportunities.

The move is part of PCCI's "555" program, which entered its second year of implementation this month through the second Investourism forum held at the Megatrade Hall at the SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City.

The program also aims at-within five years—attracting five million foreign tourists, five million jobs and $5 billion investments in tourism.

Palanca said branding starts with identifying the strength of provinces, such as natural or human-made resources.

Also, under the "Biztours" 5 concept, PCCI is pushing for regional branding based on common attractions that fall under the themes of heritage, pilgrimage, beach, festivals, culinary, and arts and crafts.

BOI OKs perks for SME

THE BOARD OF Investments has given tax perks to a medium-scale seafood firm's business under its efforts to promote the country's marine products industry.

Trade Secretary Peter B. Favila said all-Filipino firm Rell and Renn Seafood Sphere Inc.'s P39.8-million fish processing plant would be located in General Santos City.

Rell and Renn would produce and export 2,250 metric tons of processed marine products a year, including tuna and round scad (*galunggong*.)

The frozen tuna would be processed into steak or loins, while the round scad would be exported frozen fresh, arranged and packaged in containers.

The company plans to ship out 80 percent of its produce to various mainstream markets such as the United States, Korea and Japan.

Rell and Renn has recently built a one-story cold storage facility in the area, which would hold up to 10,200 metric tons of processed fish and agricultural products.

About a third of this storage capacity would be allotted for its own processed marine and agricultural products in General Santos area, and in the surrounding localities. *Ronnel W. Domingo*

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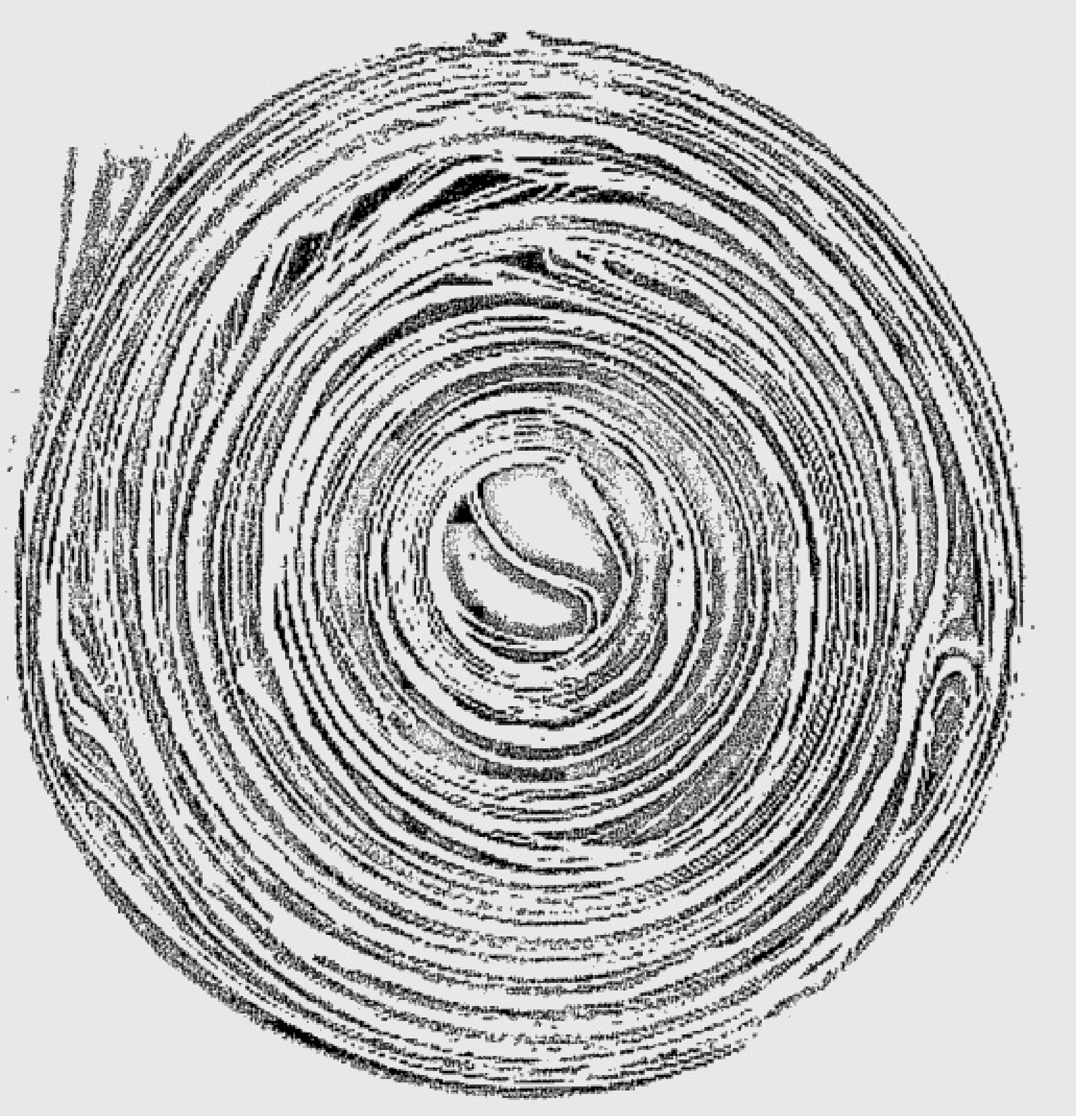

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San Miguel seen tapping foreign borrowings

To settle bridge loan, finance more acquisitions

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

SAN MIGUEL CORP. IS PLANNING TO tap the foreign debt market to refinance part of a $1.1-billion bridge loan and to fund its acquisition of businesses in Australia.

The planned foreign borrowing is on top of the $500 million worth of long-term peso loan already in the pipeline.

SMC had earlier tapped a consortium of nine banks to arrange the peso loan that would go to the refinancing of nearly half of the $1.1-billion bridge loan used in buying Australian dairy giant National Foods Ltd.

The balance of the bridge loan will be financed through foreign loans. SMC is also counting on these foreign loans to fund other acquisitions in Australia, including an additional stake in Australian juice brand Berri Ltd.

The banks that offered to arrange the 5-year $500-million peso loan to San Miguel were ABN Amro Holding NV, Barclays Plc, BNP Paribas SA, Calyon, Citigroup Inc., HSBC Holdings Plc, ING Groep NV, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. and Standard Chartered Plc.

Its purchase of National Foods is SMC's largest investment this year. It is hoped to cement its hold of the fast-growing Asia Pacific food and beverage market.

In a bidding war launched late last year, SMC's A$1.9 billion offer (US$1.5 billion) bested that of close rival New Zealand's Fonterra Cooperative Group.

Aside from National Foods, SMC has also invested in juice maker Berri Ltd. and brewer J Boag in Australia.

SMC earlier confirmed reports that it was acquiring the remaining 49 percent stake in Berri, which will bring to 100 percent its control of the Australian firm.

SMC, which bought 51 percent of Berri earlier, has the option to purchase the remaining 49 percent stake in the firm in January 2006.

INQUIRER sources said the amount involved had yet to be negotiated and set.

The combined distribution channels of Berri and National Foods should provide savings to the SMC, estimated at $30 million, Spencer White, Merrill Lynch Hong Kong strategist had said.

Both brands may also be introduced to Singapore and other Asian countries.

SMC holds a dominant domestic market position in the beer, hard liquor, and non-alcoholic beverage segments, which accounted for more than two-thirds of its operating profit in the past three years.

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Gov't extends ICTSI contract by 25 years

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY HAS approved the petition of International Container Terminal Services Inc. for a 25-year extension of its contract to operate within the Port of Manila.

PPA general manager Oscar Sevilla said the agency's board of directors recently approved the extension of ICTSI's contract and was endorsed to Malacañang for final approval.

A similar petition filed by Asian Terminals Inc. has yet to be taken up by the PPA board.

The 25-year contracts of ICTSI and ATI will expire on 2013. Both firms are engaged in handling of container and bulk cargoes. They operate in the Port of Manila, the country's biggest port that handles about 90 percent of the domestic trade passing through the metropolis and 45 percent of the total Philippine trade.

Cargo handling involves stevedoring, which is cargo handling inside the vessel; arrastre or cargo handling work on dock, and off-dock work for shipping lines or container operators that use container yards far from the port.

Sevilla said the PPA might finally bid out the operations of North Harbor, which is also within the Port of Manila, by next year. The planned privatization and modernization of North Harbor has been pending for several years now.

A consortium composed of ICTSI, ATI and the Domestic Shipowners Association had proposed to upgrade the major port during the time of President Estrada. Part of the group's proposal would automatically give them the right to operate the port. This arrangement was opposed by the business community.

As to extending the contracts of ICTSI and ATI, the PPA chief said the petitions were justifiable.

"They need a long-term contract so they can continue investing," he said.

ATI has a pending $300-million investment program for the South Harbor.

ATI also operates phase one of the Batangas port and was granted a temporary permit to run the second phase until the privatization of this port's operation next year.

ICTSI reported a net income of P686 million in the first half, up 49 percent from P460 million in the same period last year.

The Razon company credited its strong performance to its three major center of operations—the Manila International Container Terminal, the Baltic Container Terminal Poland, and Tecon Suape SA in Brazil.

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Our presidential house is exactly 100 years old. After our first elections in 1905, we elected our first president. None of the countries in the Third World and few even in the First have this long experience in democratic elections. We just cannot turn our backs to this valuable legacy.

Is our presidential system outmoded? Far from it. It is the parliamentary system that is getting outmoded. In order to avoid the innate instability of a purely parliamentary system, parliaments around the world, notably France and Indonesia, are becoming more and more presidential in character.

Admittedly, our presidential house badly needs repairs. The roof leaks, the floor creaks, and the plumbing is clogged. But instead of bringing in the plumbers, carpenters and tinsmiths, Abueva wants to call in the wrecking crew. He wants to raze the building down to the ground. And, even before the debris is cleared, he wants to erect an entirely new edifice totally strange to the Filipino people and designed by architects of dubious qualifications and intentions.

A house is never finished. Our presidential house, only 100 years old, is still work in progress. Let's patch it up and strengthen it. But, let us not tear it down.

Nokia says MP3 players, digicams to become obsolete

By Leo Magno

THE WORLD's BIGGEST mobile phone manufacturer is playing a different tune, and it's aimed at Apple's successful iPod MP3 player. It is also taking a different picture by saying that digital cameras will soon be obsolete.

Nokia said it is determined to drive several products to extinction with its convergent devices anchored on its staple mobile phone product and its new line of multimedia phones.

"I am confident that convergent products will change business models. Why would I not want to have all of my devices with me, especially MP3 players where you can download songs off the air?" asked Anssi Vanjoki, executive vice president for multimedia of Nokia. "I am absolutely convinced that we will have a compelling user experience with music on your mobile phone."

Vanjoki said Nokia's newly released line of Nseries multimedia phones will drive down sales of several products because they have wireless connectivity and are easier to use. He cited as examples mobile services that offer music downloads to the cellular phone without the need for a PC.

The Nokia executive was referring to Apple's iTune service that allows users to buy music online using a PC. At the same time he was reacting to the partnership between Apple and Motorola where the Apple iTunes service can be availed of over the air through Motorola phones. The service will be available by the end of the month.

Vanjoki said it is not partnering with Apple's iTunes and will instead open up Nokia phones to any music store.

Apple manufactures hard disk-based MP3 players with capacities of 5-Gb up to 40-Gb. Nokia will release by December the N91, a multimedia mobile phone with music-playing capabilities with 4-Gb of hard disk storage and a 2-megapixel camera.

Mobile phones have been encroaching into MP3 and digital camera territories for the past year. The market for music-enabled phones is expected to grow from 45 million units in 2004 to 458 million units in 2009, according to data from Strategy Analytics. Nokia claims to have shipped 10 million phones with MP3 players in 2004 and expects to ship 40 million more such units in 2005. Jupiter Research estimates that 18.2 million MP3 players were shipped in 2004, a big percentage of which were taken by the iPod.

"I think it's a very valuable extra to have an MP3 player in your cellular phone," Vanjoki said. "Convergent devices will make other products obsolete."

Vanjoki also took a swipe at the digital camera market and hinted at its downfall.

"In our opinion, digital cameras without communications are dead," he said. "People are saying that the digital camera market is the new growth area. I say it was, not is. Why would I want a camera that can't communicate and instantaneously allow you to share pictures?"

Nokia claims to have sold more than 200 million camera phones in 2004. Tokyo's Camera and Imaging Products Association estimates that 59.77 million digital cameras were shipped in 2004.

The Nokia executive added that, according to their study, 71 percent of users of camera phones edit and view their photos digitally while only 21 percent of them actually print out the photos.

"This brings us to digitalization and electronic distribution of the print media. Pictures are no longer printed, they are sent over the air as bits," Vanjoki said.

Vanjoki also targeted digital voice recorders as candidates for obsolescence.

"A voice recorder on your phone is connected and can be sent instantaneously," he said. "It even has better quality and more storage with the N91."

A PROTOTYPE of the N91, a mobile phone, 4-Gb MP3 player and 2-megapixel digital camera which Nokia says will make separate electronic devices obsolete.

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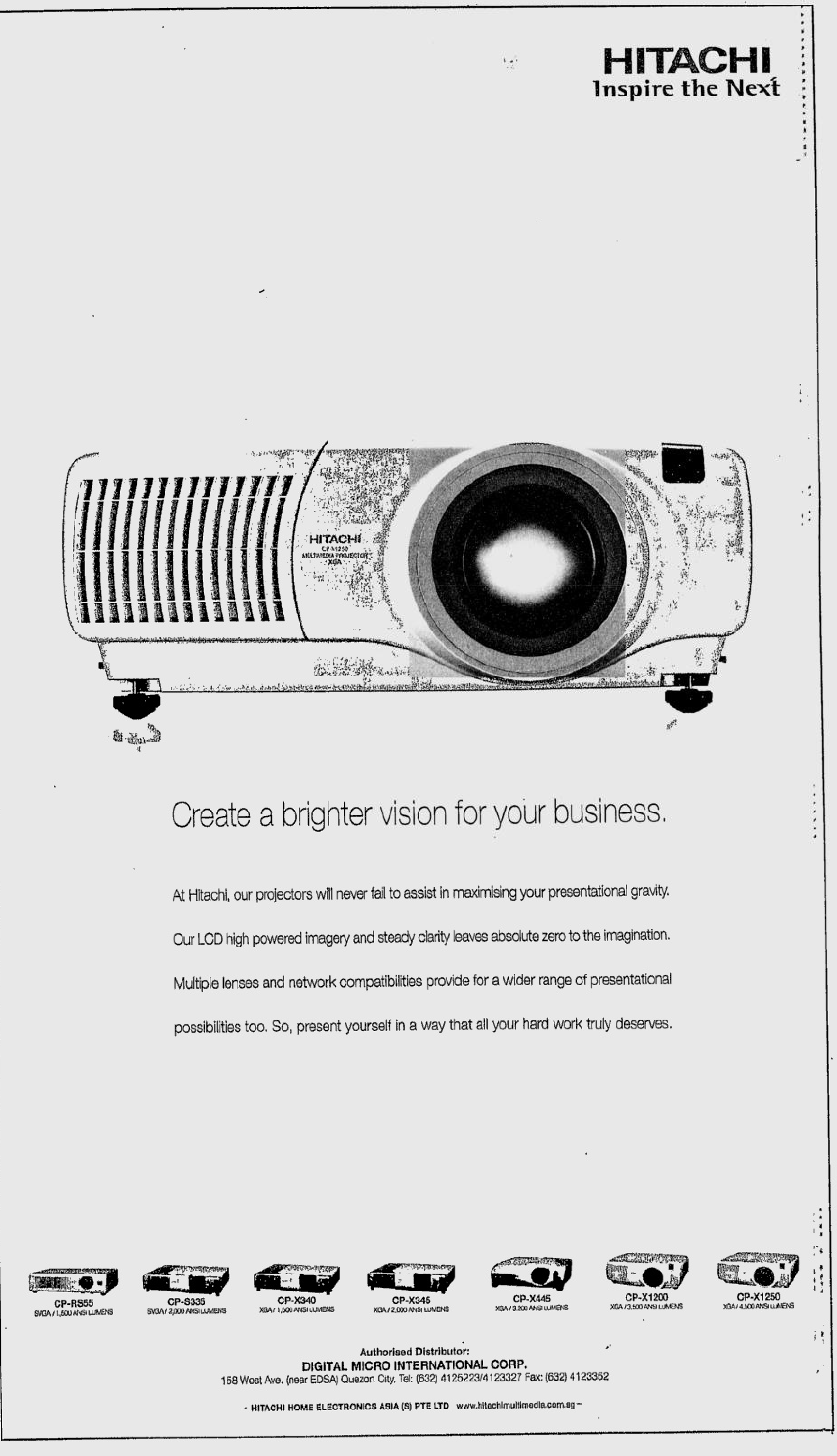

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German firm to invest in bagasse power plant

By Abigail L. Ho

A GERMAN INVESTOR WILL join the Philippine National Oil Co., Bronzeoak Philippines, Finnish funder Finnfund and Talisay Bioenergy Inc. (TBI) in developing a $60-million large-scale bagasse co-generation facility in Talisay, Negros Occidental.

PNOC president Eduardo Mañalac revealed that German firm DEG should become a development investor in the project within the month.

PNOC signed a development agreement for the project in October last year, cementing its commitment to make a $6-million equity infusion to give it a 30-percent stake in the project.

Of the project's total cost, $18 million will be funded through direct equity infusions, with the balance to be financed by loans from banks and other lending institutions.

TBI is also finalizing an energy supply agreement with First Farmers Holding Co.

Mañalac had earlier said that this was "the first ever co-generation project in the Philippines to take off," after passing the financial study of the PNOC Investment Appraisal Committee.

The proposed 30-megawatt power facility will address the steam and power requirements of a medium-sized sugar mill and refinery in the area.

It will run on the by-products of sugarcane processing that will come from the host mill.

Additional bagasse requirements will come from other mills.

Last year, the project proponents signed a 30-year power supply agreement with the Central Negros Electric Cooperative (Ceneco), which serves Bacolod City and its suburbs.

Power to be delivered by the plant to Ceneco was seen hitting 158 gigawatt-hours a year.

Makati Medical Center wants debts refinanced

By Clarissa S. Batino

AILING MAKATI MEDICAL CENTER has asked creditors like the Development Bank of the Philippines to lend it some P300 million to pay off foreign obligations and minimize currency risks, its top official said.

Makati Med president Gabino Mendoza said the hospital was negotiating with existing creditors for the extension of some more loans for the company to refinance its foreign-denominated debts.

Makati Med has asked banks to extend the maturity of about P1.2 billion in debt to about 10 years from the existing term of six years. It has P350 million in obligations to DBP, and also has loans with Rizal Commercial Banking Corp., Insular Savings and the Social Security System.

The hospital also has P400 million in non-bank obligations.

"We want to convert our foreign debts into pesos so we don't get caught in the peso devaluation. We are already putting our finances in order," said Mendoza, a professor at the Asian Institute of Management.

Most of the foreign loans were incurred from Germany's DEG, he said.

"We hope our existing creditors would approve the idea because paying off our foreign obligations will also protect them," he said.

"It would be harder for us to pay them if we expose ourselves to more risks."

Makati Med would be hard pressed to seek more loans, however, as banks usually require current assets to match current liabilities.

Due to years of losses, however, the hospital's debts outpace assets to the tune of P4 to P1.

About a third of the hospital is controlled by the families of Fores and Araneta while a fourth is held by the heirs of other founders.

Mendoza said the hospital was striving to break even this year although losses continued building up in the first half.

Makati Med incurred P300 million in losses from 2002 to 2004.

He said prospects would start to improve after new managers come in this second half and the hospital completes streamlining operations.

Makati Med would like to cut a deal with the banks and also raise fresh equity within the year.

Mendoza said at least seven investors have already offered to put in money into the hospital, including its chair, Manuel Pangilinan.

"I would like to invest in Makati Med in my personal capacity," said the chair of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.

Mendoza said the hospital would need at least P100 million in new money this year.

The hospital would also like to raise about P400 million more to buy new equipment.

Mendoza earlier said the hospital would rather have its doctors put in money, rather than businessmen.

A little over 100 doctors control about 40 percent of the hospital.

Mendoza said the hospital's recovery would depend on how soon new investments come in.

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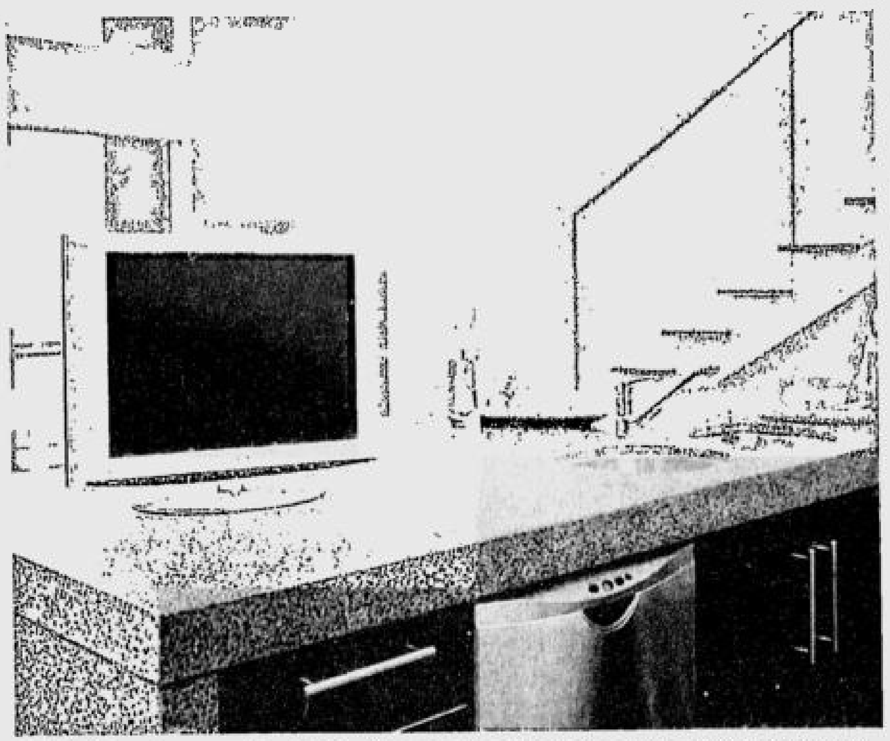
Sony ups ante in high stakes TV trade

By Doris C. Dumlao



SONY'S next generation LCD unit under the Bravia line sits well in a minimalist setting.

TOKYO—HOME ELECTRONICS GIANT Sony Corp. has unveiled a new generation of high-resolution television portfolio to boost its bid to become the number one player in Asia Pacific's liquid crystal display (LCD) television market.

In the populous region flooded by generic Chinese-made television sets, Sony has placed its bet on the upscale flat panel LCD under the new brand "Bravia," expecting it to be the next gold mine.

"With the increasing affluence of consumers and faster adoption of digital technology and high definition in this region, LCD televisions are growing in popularity and we are very positive about its growth potential," said Hiroshi Kikuchi, Sony Electronics Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. general manager for display and marketing.

The Bravia, or "Best Resolution Audio Visual Integrated Architecture," represents Sony's vision of superior resolution for the digital and flat panel era and humbles conventional LCD such as those based on plasma technology.

Sony differs from competitors in its unique Wide Color Gamut CCFL (cold cathode flourescent lamp) backlight found in its top-range V-series, which allows the projection of deeper and richer green and red gamut in LCD displays. This generates approximately 30 percent increase from the conventional CCFL backlights to provide viewing with greater reality.

For the first time in Japan this year, the number of LCD televisions shipped is expected to exceed the volume of CRT (cathode ray tube) units. Sony expects this to become a worldwide phenomenon.

While its TV business is currently dominated by CRT, Sony expects its new LCD brand to lord it over the next two to three years.

Television production currently accounts for about 20 percent of Sony's $50-billion global business. Aside from the high-resolution picture quality, the Bravia brand offers superior audio fidelity, easy user interface and designer looks.

In World Summit, RP to sound out gains on fiscal front

By Michelle V. Remo

THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE SOUNDING out the country's gains on the fiscal front at the 2005 World Summit with the hope of convincing credit-rating agencies to improve their outlook on the country from "negative" to "stable."

Finance Secretary Margarito Teves said President Macapagal-Arroyo, together with her economic officials, would meet with investors, creditors and rating firms in the sidelines of the world summit and the Asean Finance Ministers Meeting.

The World Summit, to be attended by over 170 heads of state, will be held on Sept. 14 to 16 in New York City. The Asean Finance Ministers Meeting will be held in London on Sept. 20 to 22.

"We will tell them [foreign investors and creditors] that we are moving forward in terms of trying to improve the economic and business environment," Teves said last Friday before he left for New York. "We can show some of the macroeconomic fundamentals, and what we have accomplished so far ... in terms of implementing legislative and administrative measures."

Finance Assistant Secretary Gil Beltran said officials would try to persuade credit-rating agencies to improve their outlook on the Philippines once the VAT Reform law (RVAT) is implemented.

The Supreme Court has declared the VAT law, suspended since July 1, to be constitutional. Finance officials expect the suspension to be lifted before the end of the month.

The VAT, considered to be the Arroyo administration's key revenue-raising measure, is estimated to generate P9 billion in additional revenues this year, assuming the law will take effect on Oct. 1. The law is likewise estimated to contribute over P80 billion in incremental revenues starting 2006.

The suspension of the RVAT prompted rating firms to change their outlook on the Philippines to "negative."

"[With] the Supreme Court decision, credit rating agencies can perhaps change their outlook," Beltran said in the same press briefing. "But with respect to the actual rating, they will still need to see actual improvement in revenue collection."

Only 1/5 of bad assets sold under SPV law

By Daxim L. Lucas

LESS THAN A FIFTH OF THE BANKING SYSTEM's bad assets have been sold off since the Special Purpose Vehicle law came into force, as banks continue to hope for an upturn in the property market.

More importantly, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said that banks have so far been selling their bad assets—mostly foreclosed real estate—at discount rates of up to 80 percent to foreign investors, reflecting the poor quality of their inventory.

In a telephone interview, BSP Deputy Governor Nestor Espenilla Jr. revealed that a total of P96.7 billion worth of banks' bad assets have been sold under the SPV scheme.

This is only 18.5 percent of the banking system's total inventory of bad assets worth P520 billion.

"We are currently doing a study to determine how much cash the banks actually got for these transactions," Espenilla said. "We will know for sure this week."

He said, however, that initial evidence points to an 80-percent discount rate on the average. This means that the banking industry received only about P19.3 billion in cash for the foreclosed properties they have sold to foreign fund managers.

Banks are being encouraged to liquidate their NPAs with incentives granted under the law which came into force in 2002.

The SPV Act of 2002 is intended to help banks dispose of their NPAs by granting tax exemptions and reduce registration and transfer fees.

A bill is pending in Congress to extend the effectivity of the privileges under the law. If approved, this will further increase the potential value of NPAs cleaned up from banks' books.

"We are making progress on the revisions to the law," Espenilla said, explaining that the central bank is supporting the move to extend the life of the law.

As of Sept. 18, 2004—the deadline for the registration of SPVs with the Securities and Exchange Commission—36 SPVs have been registered. These SPVs were eligible to acquire bad assets until April 8, 2005, a date the banking industry now wants to extend.

Consumers turning ...

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hopes of achieving a 5.3-percent economic growth for the year mainly on the back of higher consumer spending.

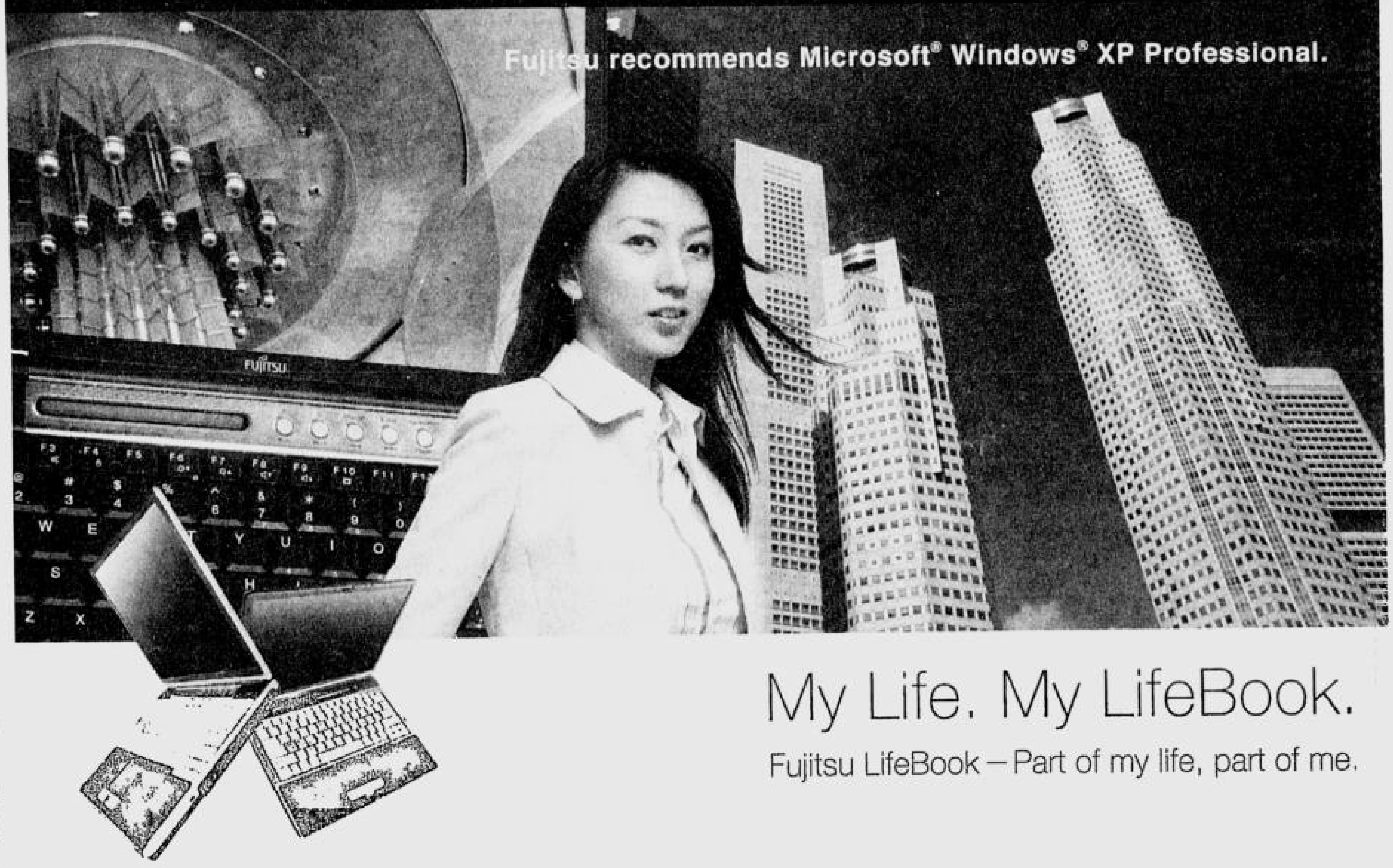
Despite an anticipated decline in family income, respondents expect their expenditures on basic commodities to rise by an average of 4.6 percent toward the end of the year—an offshoot of rising prices rather than increased consumption.

The survey revealed, however, that consumers expect a slight improvement in next year's outlook, although it remains overwhelmingly negative.

BSP said that 2006 consumer expectations now stand at -21.4 percent in the latest survey from the -28.4 percent reported in the previous tally.

More importantly, the survey's respondents expect unemployment and interest rates to increase over the next 12 months, while the peso is expected to depreciate during this period.

The survey was made during the last quarter among 2,193 respondents.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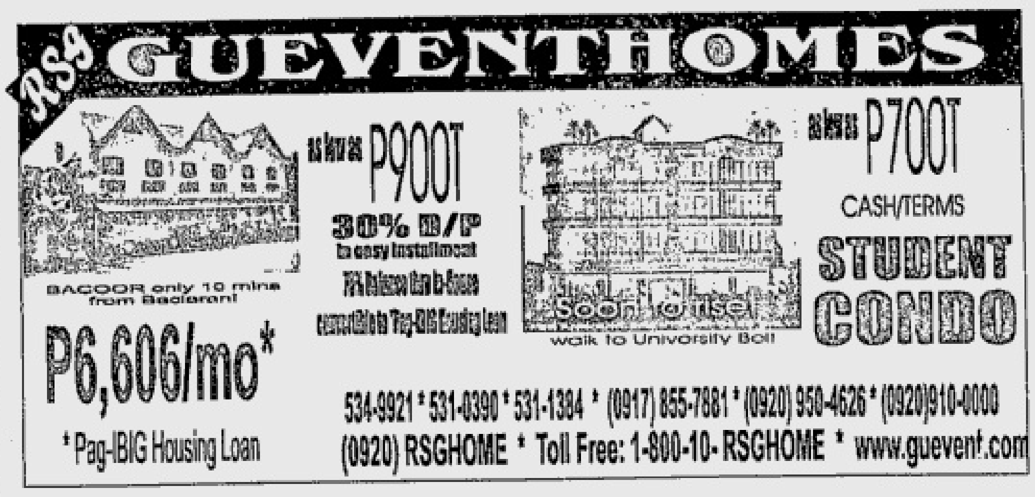

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(Sgd.) B.J. MONZON
Chairman - BAC, MBGPP

(PDI - September 12 & 19, 2005)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PNOC Exploration Corporation (PNOC EC) through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites consultancy firms to apply for eligibility and submit sealed bids for the TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY FOR ISABELA INTEGRATED MINE MOUTH COAL FIRED POWER PLANT (IP05-878).

The approved budget for the Contract is Php 2,000,000.00 chargeable against PNOC EC 2005 Corporate Budget.

Eligibility Documents shall be available for issuance at the above address from the Procurement Section (c/o Mr. George N. Alejandro) starting **September 12, 2005** upon presentation of Letter of Intent and upon payment of non-refundable fee of PESOS: Five Hundred (PHP 500.00). Eligibility of prospective consultants will be based on compliance to eligibility requirements, using pass/fail non-discretionary criteria, as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations-A (IRR-A) of RA 9184. The Government Procurement Reform Act. The deadline for the submission of LOI will be on **October 3, 2005** @4:00 P.M. while the deadline for the submission of eligibility documents will be on or before **October 10, 2005** up to 4:00 P.M. Late submission of eligibility documents shall not be accepted. Only those shortlisted consultants will be entitled to submit bids.

PNOC EC shall draw up the short list of consultants from those who have submitted *LOIs* and have been determined as eligible both in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A). The shortlist of prospective bidders shall consist of 3 to 7 consultants. The criteria and rating system for short listing are:

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Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with IRR-A of R.A. 9184, only bids from Bidders who passed the eligibility check will be opened. The Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine its responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated Rsponsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during post-qualification.

Interested Bidders shall secure the Eligibility documents from the BAC Secretariat at the address stated below, starting *September 5 - 19, 2005 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.* upon payment of a non-refundable fee of *Php1,000.00.* They shall submit their accomplished Eligibility documents on or before *September 23, 2005, 2:00 P.M.* at the stated address. Eligibility Screening shall be held on *September 23, 2005, 2:30 P.M.* at the OAVP Conference Room B of the stated address.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from *NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION-SLOM Regional Contracts Management Office (RCMO)* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from *8:00 A.M.* to *5:00 P.M.* on *October 05-07, 2005.*

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Deadline for submission of bids is on *October 25, 2005, 9:00 A.M.* at the address below. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in any of the prescribed form indicated under Section 27.2 of R.A. 9184. Bid opening shall be on the same date, *October 25, 2005, 9:30 A.M.* at the *OAVP Conference Room B of Transco SLOM.* Late Bids shall not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

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Twin shocks expected to trigger rise in key rates

By Daxim L. Lucas

TETANGCO

THE BANGKO SENTRAL ng Pilipinas is poised to raise its key interest rate as early as this week after it was hit by twin shocks of a higher-than-expected acceleration in local prices and surging liquidity in the financial system.

The government's benchmark Treasury bill and bond rates, as well as commercial lending rates, are expected to rise in reaction to the BSP move.

Sources revealed that the central bank may opt to tighten monetary policy a full week ahead of the policy-making Monetary Board's regular rate setting meeting, although it has yet to decide what form the tightening will take.

BSP can restrain inflation by imposing higher interest rates, raising banks' reserve requirements, or siphoning off cash from the financial system by selling government bonds.

"We will not rule out anything at this point because of the high liquidity growth," BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said during a press briefing last Friday.

At present, BSP's key overnight rate—a gauge for bank lending rates—stands at 7 percent.

Tetangco pointed out that the amount of money circulating in the financial system rose to 13.6 percent in July—a situation that can fuel higher inflation—despite a preemptive 2-percentage point hike in banks' reserve requirement last summer.

The hike was meant to help cap consumer price increases.

The BSP chief indicated that the central bank is now ready to overlook the ill effects higher interest rates will have on local economic output which is struggling under the oil crisis.

"Price stability is the main mandate of the BSP," Tetangco said. "Everything is secondary to this."

The government last week said that the inflation rate rose by 7.2 percent in August, faster than the central bank's prediction of 6.6 to 7.1 percent.

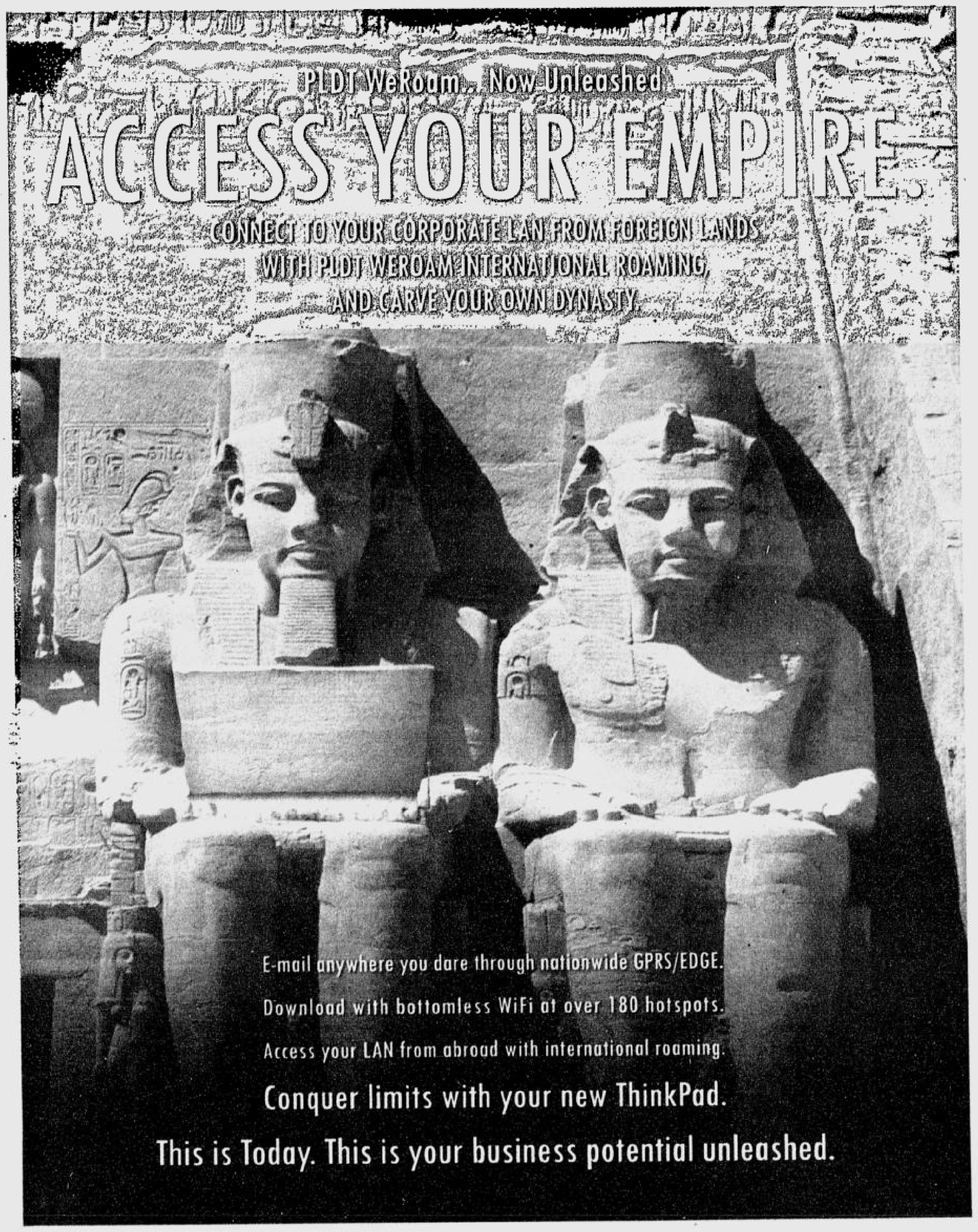
This prompted Tetangco to issue an aggressive statement hinting at an imminent rate hike.

The central bank is also concerned that the US Federal Reserve's rate hikes since early this year have pushed investors into shifting their assets to US dollar-denominated securities, which now carry increasingly attractive yields versus peso-denominated investments.

"We need to look at the potential impact of narrowing interest rate differentials [on the inflation rate]," the central bank chief said.

Tetangco explained that capital flight could weaken the peso, which in turn, would push local prices even higher.

Tetangco said the Monetary board will watch relevant indicators closely to help it decide as to whether to raise interest rates at the next Monetary Board meeting on Thursday.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Fil-Ams hanker for RP homes

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE REAL ESTATE BOOM IN THE United States is spilling over into the Philippines as Filipino-Americans take advantage of plunging mortgage rates to buy choice pieces of property in their homeland.

With US home prices surging at their fastest pace in more than a quarter of a century on the back of declining interest rates, more Filipino-Americans are mortgaging their homes and using the money to buy condominium units, houses in gated subdivisions, and resort-style communities in the Philippines, according to Dave Rafael, president of Ayala Land International Sales Inc. (ALISI).

"For example, a Filipino-American's home is re-appraised at $400,000 from $200,000. He gets a loan for say $100,000 which can get him a house in the Philippines for P5.6 million. A lot of Filipino-Americans are taking advantage of the bubble," said Rafael in an interview.

ALISI was only established in January this year and Rafael admits that the country's biggest property developer is just catching up with its rivals that have discovered the OFW (overseas Filipino workers) market much earlier.

"But even if we're late, we think the OFW market is so huge that the local industry had barely scratched the surface of this market. It's virgin territory, there's more than enough for everybody," said Rafael.

Well-established OFWs

Based on its market research, OFWs remit as much as $9 billion a year. The bulk comes from the United States.

Workers in the US earn the most among OFWs.

Since most of the Filipino-Americans left during the martial law years, they are most probably in their 40s and 50s and well established in their chosen careers and homes—the main market that ALISI is targeting.

Rafael explained that overseas demand for real estate was being driven by the Filipinos' deep attachment to their land of birth which sets them apart from other migrant communities.

"Filipinos who leave the country retain a very strong link to the land of their birth, that is why they continue to send things to their relatives and friends as seen from the sizable number of *balikbayan* boxes coming in. This is also the reason why they want to buy homes here even if they have settled in their new home countries," said Rafael. "Nostalgia is probably too trivial a word to describe what they feel. It might be corny but it's true, home is where the heart is."

Not for retirement

But contrary to the popular notion, Rafael said Filipino-Americans buy homes here not primarily for their retirement.

"The Filipino-Americans do not want to retire here because we don't have hospital facilities that they have in the US. It is very important to recognize that they can't let go of life's comforts there," Rafael said.

He noted, however, that the rise of modern hospital facilities with the construction of St. Luke's Hospital at the Bonifacio Global City could make the Philippines a more attractive retirement haven in the coming years.

"It is rare for those that buy a property would relocate back to the Philippines, OFWs just want to have a place they can stay here for three to six months because they do not want to impose on their relatives by staying as house guests or the cost of staying in a hotel for an extended period," Rafael said.

Halfway homes

"They have a place of their own because they want to have freedom. It's not like they want to live here permanently. They look at their Philippine property purchases as a halfway home for convenience."

Rafael also noted that some Filipino-Americans buy solely for investments while others use their purchases as an "I have arrived" statement to their relatives.

"Filipino-Americans are not too keen on buying property in their home provinces. They look for a high-end place like Makati to show off to their friends how much they have progressed in living standards. It's an ego thing," said Rafael.

Even without a concentrated effort, roughly 10 percent of Ayala Land's P9 billion sales last year have come from OFWs, mostly from the US. By establishing a unit solely focused on selling to OFWs, Rafael expects OFW sales to get a bigger slice of Ayala Land's revenues.

Ayala Land has been relentless in pitching a sale to Filipino-Americans with its massive awareness programs - both traditional and non-traditional—from putting up a 24-hour call center manned by Filipinos to massive advertising in Filipino publications, websites, and cable TV to direct selling to various Filipino organizations.

Having a pedigree name and long experience in the industry gives Ayala Land

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Leadership land mines

(Part 2)

A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Maxwell

HAVE YOU STEPPED ON A leadership land mine lately?

If you read the last Monday's column you know I'm talking about those problems—usually of our own making—that seem to come out of nowhere, blow up in our faces and sabotage our leadership.

All leaders who are moving and growing step on land mines occasionally, but some are definitely more dangerous than others.

Last time we talked about the land mine of losing touch with your people. In this installment, we'll cover three more subtle traps that can seriously damage your work as a leader if you don't take special care to avoid them.

Let's start with the failure to think realistically.

Max Depree was absolutely right when he said, "The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality." Unfortunately, many leaders don't do this. Instead, they either ignore problems or view them through rose-colored glasses.

They don't intentionally deceive anyone about what's going on; they're just out of touch with reality.

Here are three ways to keep yourself from falling victim to the "failure to think realistically" land mine.

1. Make realism the foundation of your organization.

Focus on three levels of achievement: What you have to achieve to stay in business, what you think you will achieve and what you hope to achieve.

2. Look at realism as a friend, not a foe.

It's amazing what happens when you tell the truth. It's not easy to look an employee in the eye and say, "You're not any good at that," or "We're not going to do that anymore."

But if you really want to develop and equip your people, you have to be honest with them. Don't enable them; help them overcome their ineffectiveness.

3. Give others permission to be realistic.

The more successful you become, the more you have to look at people and say, "Be honest with me. Be realistic with me. Tell me what I need to work on."

Otherwise, people start telling you only what they think you want to hear, which keeps you from getting the good, honest feedback that you need.

The next land mine we need to address is poor timing. This is an easy one to step on because timing is very difficult to understand. Here's one way to look at it: The wrong action at the wrong time equals disaster; the wrong action at the right time equals a mistake; the right action at the wrong time equals resistance; and the right action at the right time equals success.

It's easy to see why timing is so complicated. The good news is that even though timing is often confusing, you can get it right more often if you follow these guidelines.

1. See the big picture.

Most cases of bad timing happen because somebody failed to look at the whole picture.

2. Know the seasons of timing.

When it comes to change, there are three seasons of timing: People change when they hurt enough that they have to, when they learn enough that they want to and when they receive enough that they are able to.

As a leader, you need to understand these seasons and constantly monitor where you, your peo-

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PROFESSION: PILOT
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Photographed by Patricia von Ah on the private runway of the Travolta residence in Ocala, Florida.

"I LIKE TO FLY AT LEAST ONCE A DAY."

People are acquainted with the star, the multi-faceted actor. But John Travolta is also a seasoned pilot with more than 5,000 flight hours under his belt, and is certified on eight different aircraft, including the Boeing 747-400 Jumbo Jet. As a young boy in New Jersey, he already used to dream of flying as he watched planes criss-crossing the sky around the New York airports. Today, John Travolta travels the world at the controls of his own airliner and nurtures a passion for everything that embodies the authentic spirit of aviation. Like BREITLING wrist instruments. Founded in 1884, BREITLING has shared all the finest hours in aeronautical history. Models such as the NAVITIMER have become cult objects for pilots the world over. Where safety is of crucial importance, BREITLING is known as the specialist in reliable and high-performance "wrist instruments" designed and tested for the most demanding professionals. BREITLING chronographs meet the highest standards of sturdiness and functionality, and are equipped with movements that are chronometer-certified by the COSC (Swiss Official Chronometer Testing Institute) – the highest reference in terms of precision and reliability. One simply does not become an aviation supplier by chance.

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ple and your organization are in relation to the timing of various endeavors.

3. Seek advice from successful, mature leaders.

I've been around the block as a leader long enough to know—in most cases—when a decision is right. Now, when I sit down with a seasoned leader who has been where I'm headed, my main question is not, "Am I making the right decision?" Instead, I want to know, "Is now the time? Is the timing right?"

The final land mine I want to cover is the failure to develop leaders. Harvey Firestone once said, "It is only as we develop others that we permanently succeed."

When I was young, I didn't know this, and as a result, I didn't develop a single leader. I didn't train, equip, or mentor anyone because I didn't know how to do any of those things.

So how do you keep from making the same mistake I made as a young leader? Let me offer three suggestions.

1. Understand the value of leadership.

Once you truly understand this, you'll pour time, energy and money into developing leaders.

2. Develop yourself as a leader.

You cannot take people where you have not gone yourself.

3. Recruit potential leaders.

It's much easier to develop a potential leader than someone who's not a potential leader, so figure out what a potential leader looks like and make a concerted effort to hire people who fit that description. And don't forget to give them the freedom and latitude to lead as they become ready.

I could go on all day about other leadership land mines that have the potential to blow up in the faces of unsuspecting leaders. I hope what we have covered in these last few weeks has made you aware that these traps do exist and that you need to be on the lookout for them.

That awareness will go a long way towards helping you avoid these deadly land mines in your own life as a leader.

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an edge over its rivals. Rafael said that most Filipino-Americans have become accustomed to the normal US home buyers standards like getting title insurance (which makes sure that the property they buy have clean titles) and putting their money in escrow (which protects them if the developer does not deliver on its commitments) whenever they buy property.

Since none of these services are offered in the Philippines, Filipino-Americans are also conscious of the risks of buying fake land titles or defective properties especially after getting wind of horror stories from their peers. "This is where the Ayala Land name and reputation for delivering quality projects on time come into play," Rafael said.

But having a name does not make their products an easy sell. "There are other factors to consider such as affordability, location and financing terms," said Rafael who cited the flexible financing schemes of ALISI's affiliate banks, such as BPI Family Bank, that would fit the specific requirements of Filipino-Americans.

Ayala Land's affiliation with the country's second biggest lender, Bank of the Philippine Islands, gives it a leg up over the competition in terms of giving the best financing terms among local developers—12 percent fixed for 10 years.

Foreign-lot-for-stocks swap

Corporate Securities Info

Raul Palabrica

WHEN SHORT OF CASH TO MEET registration requirements, shareholders often use real estate, motor vehicles and other pieces of property whose ownership can be established by official documents to shore up their capital base.

In our country, land is the most common non-monetary contribution to a corporation's capital stock. Shares of stock can be issued in exchange for real estate conveyed by a stockholder to the corporation.

The value of the property is determined by the incorporators, in case the corporation is in the formative stage, or the board of directors, if the corporation has already been organized.

That valuation, however, is subject to review by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The agency checks whether the assumptions and data used by the corporation in coming up with the figures are accurate and reliable.

For real estate, this means going through the property's tax declaration, the Bureau of Internal Revenue's zonal valuation data, or the report of the appraiser the corporation has asked to estimate its value.

If the company is the grantee of a secondary license from the SEC, or its shares are traded in the stock market, or is a public company (meaning its assets are worth more than P50 million and has at least 200 shareholders who own a minimum of 100 shares each), the appraisal report must be prepared by an SEC-accredited appraiser.

Criteria

Considering the wealth of information available in the real estate market, exaggerated appraisals are easy to spot. And when they are found, the disapproval of the application to grant stock value to the property comes swiftly.

The law requires the land that is sought to form part of a corporation's capital stock to be of the kind that the company may lawfully acquire and hold in carrying out its objective, and is necessary or convenient to enable it to pursue its business.

Thus, a corporation engaged in the construction and sale of low-cost houses can include in its equity base as many tracks of land it can acquire for future development as sites of its housing projects.

But that privilege is not available to a corporation whose objective is to produce, develop and distribute reading materials to educational institutions. While this company may need space for its warehouse, there is no justification for it to load its capital base with hectares of land.

In relation to this matter, a question was raised before the SEC on whether real estate located outside of the Philippines can be contributed by a stockholder to a corporation's capital stock and, in exchange, receive shares of stock corresponding to the value of the property.

This question is significant to Filipino expatriates and Filipino women married to foreigners who reside in the Philippines who want to invest in Philippine-based corporations by way of exchanging the land they own abroad for shares of stock.

Restrictions

The SEC has ruled that there is no express prohibition in our laws against the inclusion of real estate in a foreign country in a local corporation's equity structure.

The agency took note of the liberal treatment the Corporate Code gives to the right of a corporation "to receive, take, hold and otherwise deal with real properties," subject to certain limitations.

As long as the land in question is necessary and beneficial to the corporation's line of business, there is no justification for giving a different treatment to land located outside of our territorial boundaries on its "convertibility" to shares of stock.

This position is premised on the assumption that title to the property can be actually transferred to the corporation and that the conveyance is not prohibited by the Constitution and existing laws.

There's a caveat though in the SEC's allowing the "swap" of shares of stocks for foreign real estate: the laws of the country where the property is located allow the transfer of its title to a resident of the Philippines.

If the transfer is prohibited, then the proposed transaction will be disallowed since the requirement of genuine conveyance of title to the Philippine corporation cannot be met.

(For comments or questions concerning this article, you may write to (rpalabrica@inquirer.com.ph).

MOVEMENTS

SCB has new CEO

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL EUGENE Ellis has joined Standard Chartered Bank Philippines as chief executive officer effective last July 7.

With nearly 38 years of experience in banking, Ellis carries with him a wealth of experience in trade finance, credit products, credit management, marketing and sales and treasury.

Before assuming the CEO Philippines post, he was at SCB Australia where he was CEO of wholesale banking operations for five years.

His key responsibilities included corporate governance, strategic direction, business and operational responsibility.

From 2000 until he was posted in the Philippines, he was the CEO of Standard Chartered Bank, Australia and non-executive director of Standard Chartered Grindlays Bank Ltd.

Ellis obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Commerce and Economics at the University of Delhi, India in 1974.

HSBC appoints SVP

ROLAND GERARD R. VELOSO JR. has been appointed senior vice president and head of corporate and institutional banking of HSBC's Philippine operations.

A certified public accountant, Veloso graduated from the De La Salle University with a degree in BSC Accounting.

Before his appointment as head of CIB, Veloso was HSBC's head of institutional banking for six years and was responsible for growing HSBC's business with banks, insurance companies, securities houses, other non-bank financial institutions and the public sector.

Veloso was president of the Credit Card Association of the Philippines in 1998.

As head of CIB for HSBC, Veloso will oversee the bank's relationships with corporate, commercial and institutional customers.

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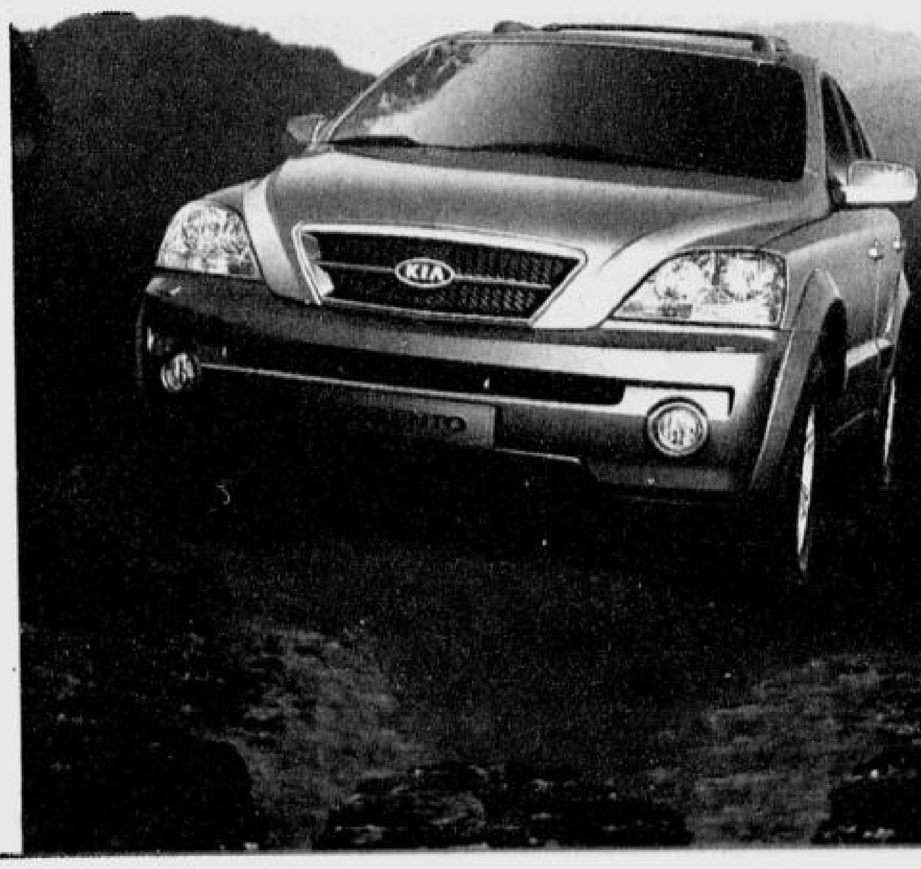

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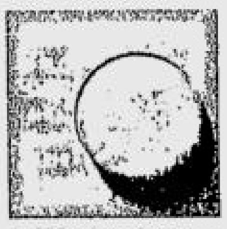
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PEOPLE WHO SUCCEED FOLLOW A CERTAIN pattern, whether in business or in relationships.

1. Get a vision for what you want

Outcome is first and foremost. Why? If we ask ourselves a question like, "what should I do"?, we can come up with a long list and do all these things, yet still be unfulfilled as we may not really be achieving anything that matters. So, we want to make it a habit to ask ourselves, "What is my outcome"?

When we are in the middle of a conversation, stop ourselves if we are not getting anywhere and ask, "What's my outcome here"? When we are clear on what our real target is, our behavior changes automatically.

When we know what we want, we start picking up information that we would never have consciously picked up before.

Say, for instance, we decided that we are in the market for a car. Suddenly, we become more aware of cars. When we are on the road, we constantly make judgments about the cars around us.

2. Know why you want it

Knowing our outcome is not enough as we can still lose our drive when we don't know why we want it. We have to know the purpose.

Specifically, we have to ask why we want a particular thing. Go ahead and see if this is true. Next time you speak to a successful person, ask him if he knows exactly what he wants and why.

The reason we need purpose is that purpose provides drive. Without drive, we may do things as long as they do not inconvenience us.

When there is no drive, and we are struggling with what we are pursuing, then, we may say, "Oh! This is so difficult, I will just put this aside for now and attend to it later." More often than not, we never go back to it because we remember how hard it was the last time we attempted it.

3. Take action

It is not enough to simply know "what" we want and "why." We have to take action.

When we take action to get what we want, we are not just expending energy, but also moving closer to getting what we really want. But what stops us from taking action? Fear!

What are people most afraid of? Failure. We believe that when we fail, we will be rejected and no longer loved and accepted by the people important to us. Herein lies the dilemma.

On one hand, as we try to raise standards to get to our outcome, it may entail taking some risks. On the other, risks may increase our fear of failure.

4. Have a measurement system

The truth is, we can't fail unless we try. If we try something that does not work, we learn from it and that makes us better the next time around.

For most of us, to be able to succeed, we have to know the results we are getting through some form of measurement system.

5. Change your strategy

The measurement system makes us acutely sensitive to whether what we are doing is working. Do you know people who do not get their desired results yet keep on doing the same thing over and over again? This could be a form of insanity.

When we are not getting the results we want, then it's time to change strategies.

During the October 19th MAP CEO Conference at the Makati Shangri-la Hotel, a number of highly successful people will be sharing their change strategies.

We will hear from great "Change Masters" such as Jim Davis, Global Chief Marketing Officer, SAS Institute (most recently ranked No. 8 in the Fortune 100 Best Companies To Work For), Napoleon Nazareno, Smart CEO, Tessie Sy-Coson, SM Group president (Fortune's No. 47 Most Powerful Women), among others.

(For more information on the conference, please call the MAP Secretariat at 751-1151 to 52, or e-mail: sixsigma@pldtdsl.net. The author is Co-Chair of the MAP CEO Conference Committee and Managing Consultant and CEO of Six Sigma Consulting. Feedback at mapsec@globenet.com.ph)

Championing...

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In 2001 and 2002, ABM's profit declined.

"Some of our key people had to go but we made sure to make them understand why and we asked for their reactions," says Fondevilla.

Although ABM recovered its losses in 2003 and posted a 200-percent growth that year, its profits again declined in 2004, mainly due to the political turbulence that followed the elections..

"But for 2005, we're confident about achieving a 200, to even 300 percent growth from last year," says Fondevilla.

Fondevilla credits ABM's resiliency and success to two things: company's trustworthiness and employees.

"By not giving false hopes to our clients, we maintain their trust. We make clear with them the limitations of our software and what it can and cannot do," says Fondevilla. "Nobody has ever told us that we tricked them into buying our software."

She adds that ABM never says yes to clients if it knows it can't deliver.

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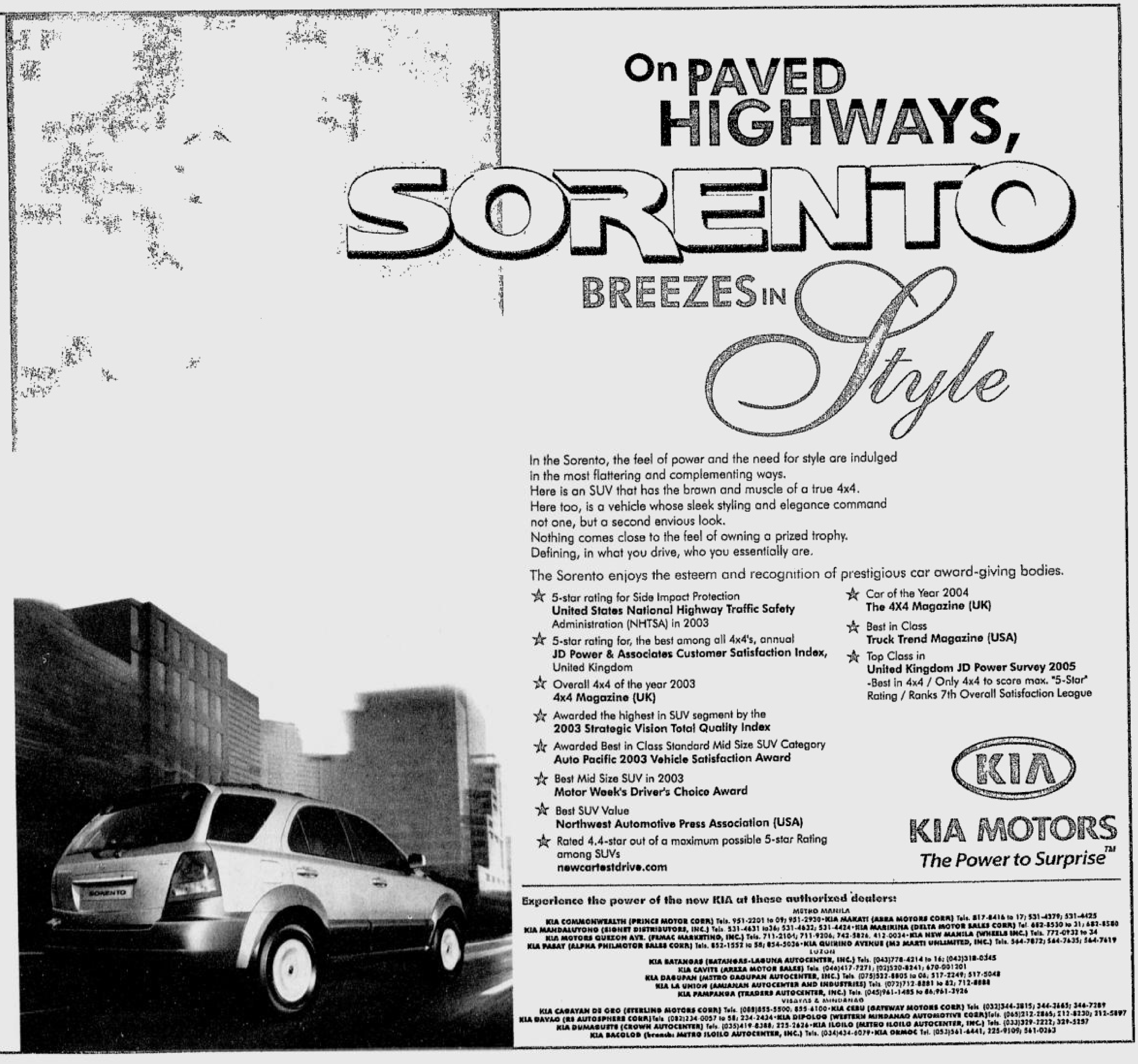
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MANAGEMENT STYLES

Championing constant change

By Amy R. Remo

BY "ROCKING THE BOAT", CEO CHRISTINE Bautista-Fondevilla believes that ABM Computech will continue to be recognized as a leader in the business solutions and consulting industry.

"Change is important," she says.

It is for this reason that she constantly encourages ABM's more than 50 employees to continuously discover and learn new ideas and concepts.

"I encourage free-flowing ideas because these enable ABM to be at the cutting edge," says Fondevilla. "In such a competitive industry, you have to keep up with the changing times and come up with innovative business software solutions that cater to your clients' diverse needs."

> 'Do not shut out change in your system. Always ask yourself: What else can we do?'

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Some of ABM's clients include Rustan's, Asian Institute of Management, Westin Philippine Plaza, ePLDT, Equitable PCI Bank, Netopia, Robinsons Department Store, Shopwise, People Support and Skechers.

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"You also have to allow your people to make mistakes," adds Fondevilla. "But at the same time, make sure that they learn something out of it so that they'll strive to do better next time."

Challenging employees

More importantly, Fondevilla believes in challenging employees to keep them from being confined to their comfort zones.

"Some of the employees have become so good at what they're doing that they have a tendency to keep doing the same thing over and over again," explains Fondevilla.

According to her, about 60 percent of ABM's employees have been with the company for more than three years.

Although the company considers their expertise a company asset, this, too, can soon be rendered obsolete if the employees do not have a passion for discovery and learning.

"Do not shut out change in your system. Always ask yourself: what else can we do?" says Fondevilla. "There is a need to constantly reinvigorate the culture."

Thus, Fondevilla ensures that ABM employees are always being challenged through rigorous training and seminars. Employees are given six-month training sessions for certification. Halfway through the training, they are constantly evaluated and if they do not meet the standards, they are let go.

Regular evaluations, meanwhile, are conducted twice a year.

Stringent as it may seem, choosing one's employees carefully is essential for Fondevilla.

She says you have to choose people who understand the systems and their applications. Otherwise, how do you expect them to explain and effectively market you products to clients?

"Employees must also be hardworking, dedicated and must have the capacity and potential," adds Fondevilla.

Motivation

For employees to do an even better job, Fondevilla says she often motivates people with pep talks and speeches about industry innovations and how the company envisions itself to become a premiere regional player in IT solutions.

She also maintains relationships, especially with her key people from different divisions—asking them often if there's something wrong or if there's anything they need.

"I sort of also act as mediator of the different teams and divisions—I consolidate them. And if needed, I intervene and reconcile group or employee differences," says Fondevilla.

She explains that sometimes, one division or team may be so engrossed with the projects that they forget about coordinating and talking face-to-face with their colleagues from other divisions.

Add to that, most of ABM's employees are usually on field duty, conducting businesses with clients—all the more making it difficult to have interactions beyond phone and e-mail. Thus, miscommunication sometimes occurs.

"That's why I still highly value face-to-face communication because it's harder to explain certain matters over the phone and e-mail and may be prone to being misunderstood," says Fondevilla.

One way to gather all employees together is the Saturday meetings held twice a month.

"Saturday meetings are usually for updates, as well as a chance for everyone to see and talk to each other and thus, lessen possibility for miscommunication," says Fondevilla.

Fondevilla says that Saturdays are also spent for general assemblies, personality tests, games, singing and even wall-climbing to ease pressure at work and cure boredom.

Each department also has a recreational budget for summer outings.

Clear communication

Keeping relationships strong and communication clear came useful for ABM during the economic crisis in 1997 and the dotcom crash in 2000.

"Our biggest hit, really, was the dotcom crash because that time, we were forced to retrench part of our workforce," says Fondevilla.

She says that from 1993 to 1999, ABM had always posted 200 to 300 percent growth every year. This dropped to 100 percent in 2000.

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Ventura's body language

By Gino Dormiendo
Contributor

AFTER HIS TRIUMPH IN THE Second Ateneo Art Awards, Ronald Ventura has mounted a show that confirms his winning was no fluke.

Though we have misgivings about pitting artists in a cruelly competitive manner, Ventura is doubtless in a class by himself, totally devoted to his muse and attuned to the demands of an ever-changing moral universe.

Here, in a show of recent works involving mixed-media techniques, the artist renders the nude as the supreme fetish.

The University of Santo Tomas-trained artist has always struck us as a bravura artist. His experimentations, particularly with the body as main vessel of his art, in both style and substance, are the products of a postmodern sensibility that is constantly mutating and transmuting, where the signifier and the signified are fused, and visual puns take on their most absurd meanings.

In the exhibit "Morph," (West Gallery, SM Megamall, until Sept. 13), the seemingly disparate images are connected by the technology-driven technique of allowing a discourse to take its own course.

In "Basic," for instance, the image of painted jeans ripped sideways to reveal two pairs of legs in motion makes for a double teaser, a thoroughly engaging treatise on the Jungian duality of the body's erotic power.

The same title is used for a much smaller work in oil, a diptych of sorts showing the two sides of the female torso.

Memory is another subject in which Ventura proves most engaging. In "Memory Lost," the male nude is positioned downward, its head replaced by an illuminating object held by the two arms of the figure. Not one to be bothered by facial features unlike artists of realism, Ventura defines the essential as invisible to the eye.

The artist's savage-like rendering of man's anatomical parts has its apotheosis in "Metamorphosis," executed in acrylic and charcoal on paper and canvas. Thighs and legs have been configured in a most surreal mode, fused in a manner Dali would have approved, approximating the symmetry of the two sides of the body.

In a surprising departure from his obsession with the nude, Ventura shows a mock soldier in "Toy Story" in total combat finery, complete with a rifle aimed at the viewer. The artist simply may be testing his ability to clothe his figures as well as he undresses them, and what more felicitous way than to show the most heavily cloaked figure today to signify the terrors of our age.

Turning more melodious in his musings, and proving his ambidexterity with materials and techniques as well, Ventura has a suite of sculptures which he simply calls instruments. These include a horse with two heads, a dog wearing the mask of a centaur, a vase in bronze color and a string instrument salvaged from industrial junk.

This is a show that teases and excites. Ventura has boldly ventured into the aesthetic and the moral. We come out pleased and provoked, disturbed and enlightened.

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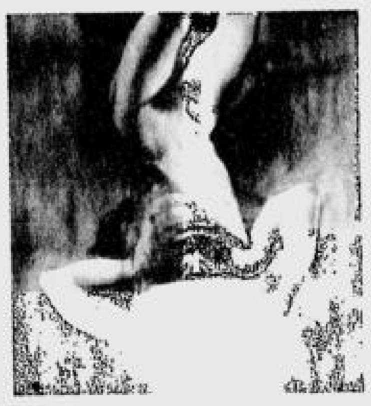

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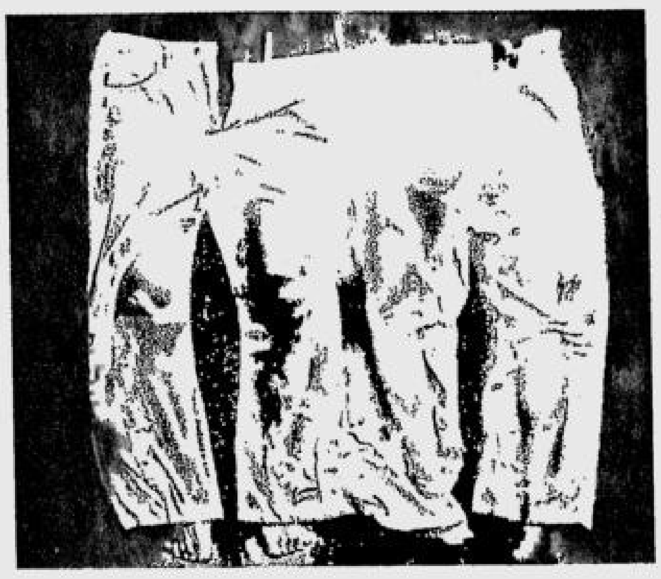

"BASIC"

Shell launches 2005 edition of art contest

PILIPINAS SHELL, ORGANIZER OF THE country's longest-running art competition, launched this year's contest by bringing abstractionist Nestor Vinluan to Mindanao for a one-day lecture-workshop for visual arts students. The 2005 Shell Art Interaction Program was held at the Philippine Women's College (PWC) of Fine Arts and Culture in Matina, Davao.

Around 230 participants from various schools gathered at PWC for the event. Some Davaoeño art enthusiasts were also present.

The first half of the symposium was a CD presentation that focused on Vinluan's three decades as an artist. The young audience learned about the artist's "sources, influences, philosophy and techniques" to help them in their own personal development.

In the afternoon workshop, the students worked on their own art pieces. Vinluan went around to observe and guide the participants, discussing techniques in art-making like layering, thin-to-thick paint composition and working with mixed media.

During his undergraduate years, Vinluan entered the Shell On-the-Spot Painting Contest and won for two consecutive years. Now an established figure in Philippine art, he encouraged young Mindanao artists to join the Shell competition to be exposed to a wider art audience.

Last year, the three-term former dean of the University of the Philippines Diliman toured Cebu, Iloilo and Bacolod to give art talks.

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Celebrating sculptural diversity

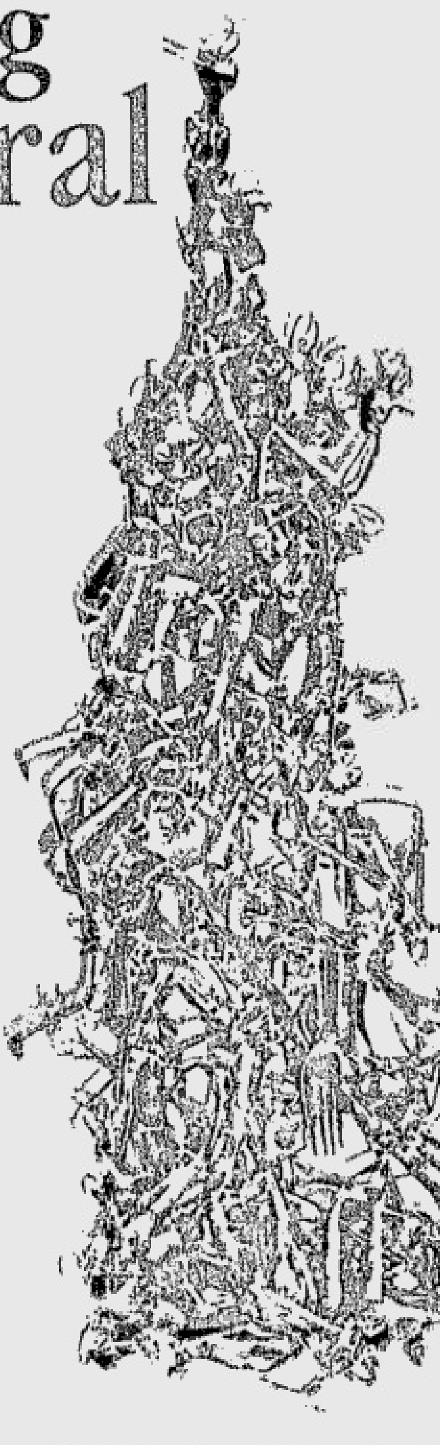
By Jessica Jalandoni-Robillos
Contributor

ON SHOW AT THE ART CENTER OF Megamall is a must-see presentation of sculptures. For its sixth anniversary offering, Gallery Nine has gathered pieces by the country's prominent and promising sculptors.

Dubbed "Perfect Form," the exhibit runs until Sept. 19 and features the works of Napoleon Abueva, Ral Arrogante, Gerry Araos, Gabby Barredo, Arnel Borja, Michael Cacnio, Florante Caedo, Roen Capule, Ed Castrillo, Ray Paz and Tala Contreras, Noel El Farrol, Merlito Gepte, Juan Sajid Imao, Pete Jimenez, Nina Libatique, Salvador Lirio, Lito Mondejar, Ramon Orlina, Edille Paras, Dan Raralio, Ton Raymundo, Rommel Roces, Jonahmar Salvosa, Solomon Saprid and Jun Vicaldo.

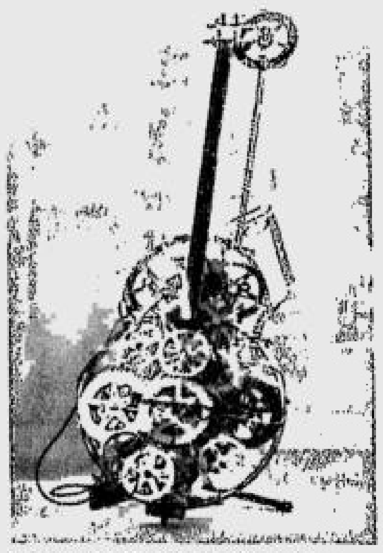
Notable in the classical detail of Sajid Imao's bronze "Holy Trinity" is the expression of God the Father, which the artist says depicts protectiveness. The weight he places on rendering emotions perhaps speaks of the artist's struggle against *retinitis pigmentosa*, an affliction that may lead to loss of vision. Though the ailment does not mar his art-making, one can only anticipate future works in which his hands would be guided not by vision, but raw emotion.

With mangled forks as medium, Capule's crucifixion takes on crab mentality. The work seems a lopsided Christmas tree. What looks like an angel on top is actually the victor, its position signifying triumph over his fellow latchers-on, who claw each other down, ugly and twisted in their power-hungry climb.



"CRAB-ING for Fame," by Roen Capule

" LOVERS" I, by Seb Chua



"LIKIDONG Anghel," by Lirio Salvador

"TRINITY," by Juan Sajid Imao

The unhampered ascension of God's chosen in "Rapture" is interpreted by Michael Cacnio as a figure floating upwards, its arms spread downward. Constructed with brass sticks soldered together randomly, it implies the dissolution of the body, perhaps to prefigure the sudden disappearance which is said to be the way by which the blessed few shall join the Almighty.

Another direct metal sculptor is Jimenez, whose "*Naka*-Walkman *si* Batman," "Kaboom!!!" and "Monsters Inc." are amusing works, a departure from his previous works of rough, dark steel.

Lirio Salvador with his "Likidong Anghel" showcases the other uses of brightly glinting bicycle parts, wire racks and other silver objects. His sculpture of a guitar actually emits sound, an effort at creating what the artists calls multi-dimensional art.

The use of found objects is seen in the pieces of Arrogante who has a knack for using brass and copper electronic scrap, turning them into his well-received series on shanties. His winged insects in flight or atop bobbing plants also have a following. Here, his ever-widening range of compositions includes a Mother and Child, and stylized vehicles ("3-wheeler" and "Pedicab").

Glass is sleekly commanded by Orlina to parlay depth of faith and the clarity of mind in "My Prayer." The rounded contours imply the restful fluidity one experiences while one is in meditation.

Rounded too, are the figures of Seb Chua's "Lovers." Cast marble finished in aged bronze, it portrays an embrace where the couple seems to meld into an amorphous entity, showing love's communion.

The selection spans the classical and the contemporary. The basics of carving, molding and assemblage are present; the combination of these and varied media along with the fusion of styles has resulted in a spread that is a fitting homage to three-dimensional art.

"MY PRAYER," by Ramon Orlina

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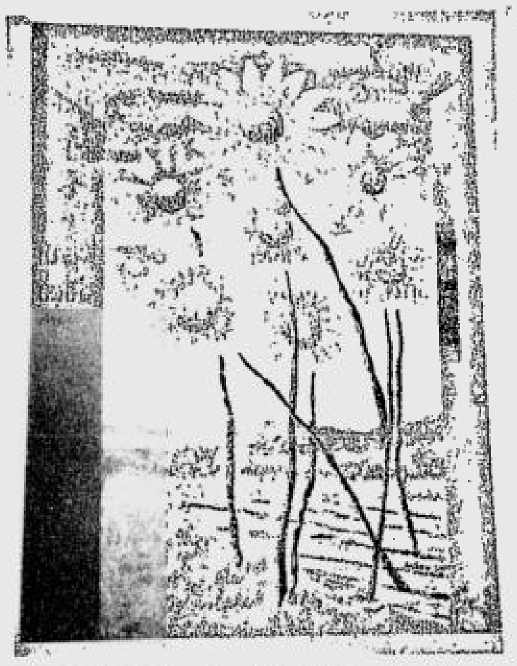
Pananaw women artists at GSIS



"DOMINION" series 4, by Andrea Domingo

THE PANANAW ART GROUP'S THIRD exhibit entitled "Buhay, Bahay at Bagay-Bagay" is running at the GSIS Museo ng Sining.

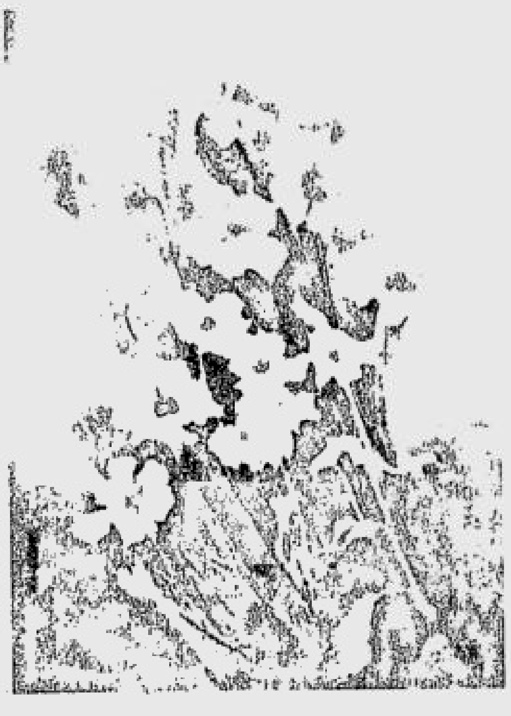
The exhibit showcases the latest works, mostly in acrylic, of six women-artists. The collection consisting of home interiors, landscapes and seascapes, gardens, flowers, still lifes, pottery, religious landmarks and modern art open new vistas for the heart and the imagination. This year, the ladies exceed their enchantment to floral blooms in favor of self-expression, combined with individualistic craftsmanship, universal beauty and imagination.

Lawyer Davidica "Dove" Endriga Salaya is chair of the Philippine Retirement Authority and moving spirit behind Pananaw.

The other artists are Marilou "Malou" O. Adea; Gloria "Gin-Gin" JCF Endriga; Andrea "Didi" D. Domingo, twice appointed immigration commissioner and Pampanga congressman from 1992 to 1995; Elizabeth "Ebette" Hermosisima Palma; and Dr. Elmar Perez, an anesthesiologist.

The Pananaw Art Group is sponsored by Pananaw sa Kinabukasan Foundation, Inc., an organization of women achievers that provides livelihood micro-financing and technical training.

The GSIS Museo ng Sining is at the ground floor of the GSIS Financial Center, Pasay City. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday. Call 5327577.



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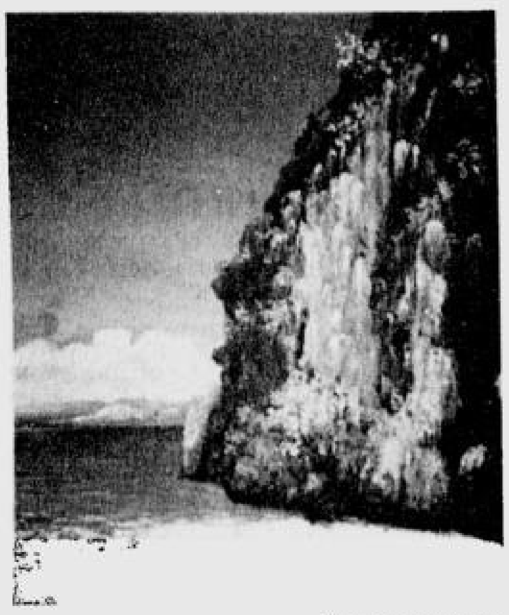

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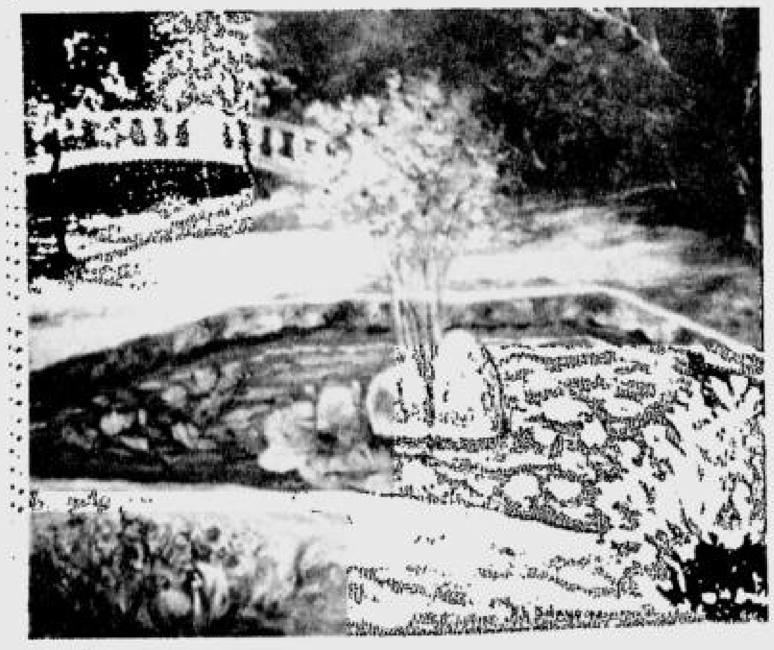

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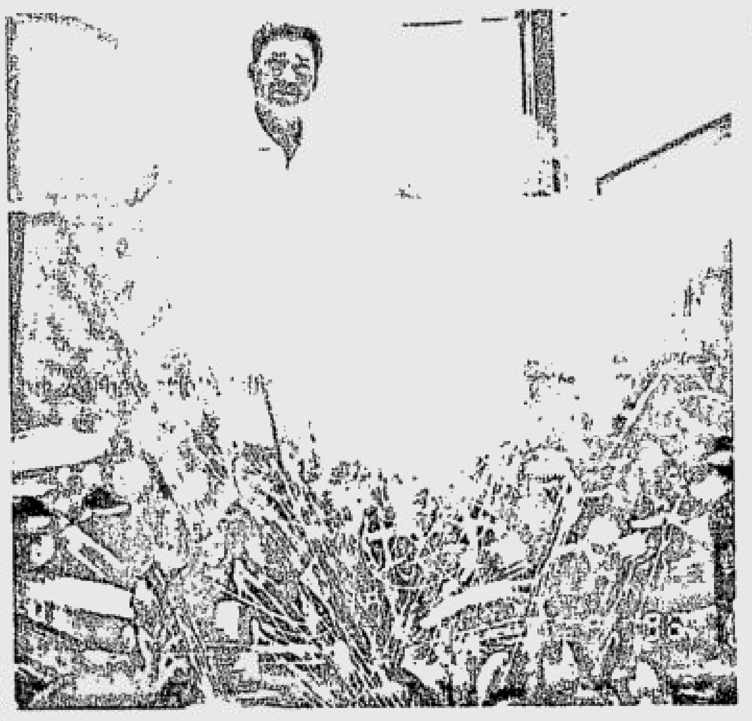

"SIRIGAWAN," by Pancho Piano

THE CRUCIBLE Gallery presents Rico and Melannie Hizon's "Through the Palette's Eye" on Sept. 13-18 in Megamall A. Featuring the Hizons' collection of 20 works from the country's premier and young artists, the exhibit is for the benefit of Laura Vicuna Foundation and VIDES Phils Volunteers Foundation.

Doctolero and Hildawa at Blue Room, Manalang and Arellano at West, Piano in Naga

VISUAL ARTS

FERDINAND DOCTOLERO AND SID Gomez Hildawa team up in "Abs," Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 at the Blue Room Gallery (1354 Lacuña and Apolinario Sts., Bangkal, Makati City). The exhibit features abstract paintings that refer to the human body either as subject or impetus for art. Hildawa represented the Philippines in the Havana International Art Biennale 2000, and now heads the Visual, Literary, and Media Arts Department of the Cultural Center of the Philippines. Doctolero won in the Philip Morris Asian Art Awards 2002 and teaches in the College of Fine Arts at the Technological University of the Philippines. Guests-of-honor in the opening reception are Henning Hansen, cultural attache of the German Embassy, and Zeny Palisoc of Vybrance International Philippines. Call 7510746.

PEP Manalang and Datu Arellano merge their contrasting styles in their first exhibit together, "Convergence-Divergence." Featuring their recent works in mixed media, acrylic and modeling paste, the show is on view at West Gallery, West Avenue, QC on Sept. 13-Oct. 1. Call 4110336/ 4119221.

BICOL artist Pancho Piano is showing his abstract works in connection with the Peñafrancia Festival in Naga City on Sept. 16-18. His "Siriwagan" is on exhibit at the Villa Caceres Hotel; it depicts the colors of the Marian feast, as signified by the holy water sprinkled on the body. His "Voyadores" series, symbolizing the carrying of the Peñafrancia icon, is shown at the Basilica. His "Traskasyon," also at the Basilica, depicts the transfer of the image to the Metropolitan Cathedral. Piano will hold an exhibit with Eghai Roxas in Europe on Sept. 25-Oct. 30.

"TUESDAY Impressions" showcases the works of housewives and mothers done in oil. The exhibit runs today until Oct. 7 at Food & Art Galerie, 12/F GT Tower, Ayala Ave. cor. HV dela Costa St., Makati. Participating artists are Armi Yam, Eunice Roxas, Ida Robles-Ching, Joy Chua, Susan Aquilino and Vivian Go.

THE CORDILLERAS made such a deep impression on Gregory Halili that he is once again paying homage to its people via his solo show at West Gallery in Megamall. On view on Sept. 15-27, "Homage to the People of the Philippine Cordilleras II" features 10 miniature portraits in watercolor on paper. Call 6341284.

HIRAYA Gallery assembles in "Hand-Hewn Royalty" the hand-colored royal lithographs of Philippine birds circa 18th century with the classic and modern furniture pieces made from hardwood. The exhibit runs on Sept. 17-Oct. 10 at 530 UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila. Call 5233331.

THE EASTWOOD Art Club holds a group exhibition "Dalusapi" until Sept. 21 at the ground floor lobby of Paseo Center, Paseo de Roxas cor. Sedeño St., Makati.

NEIL Manalo mounts "TV" until Sept. 22 at Boston Gallery, 72 Boston St. cor. Lantana St., Cubao, QC. The exhibit is a collection of Manalo's recent paintings that focus on how televiewing has become part of the Filipino family's daily life. Call 7229205.

FEATI University's College of Architecture and Fine Arts recently mounted a Filipino Arts and Architecture exhibit in celebration of Buwan ng Wika. Students and faculty members featured their oil paintings of historic churches, photos of Ivatan houses and architectural plates using indigenous materials.

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ON VIEW at the Avellana Art Gallery are Jed Merino's abstract renderings in oil-based paint on paper. Dubbed as "Recent Works," the homecoming exhibit features this New York-based artist's attempt to subvert thought and feeling with the purely intuitive. His strokes—gestural, frenetic and revelatory—generate their power in the instantaneousness of the moment, resulting in highly charged works that are at once visual and kinetic feats. Juxtaposing areas of stillness with turbulent pockets of color, the vast with the solitary, Merino has created veritable maps to the topography of our lives. Avellana Art Gallery is located at A-19, 2680 F.B. Harrison St. Pasay City (fronting Gideon Academy). Call 8338357.

Top regional art contest reformatted

By Constantino C. Tejero

THE REFORMATTING OF THE Philip Morris Asean Art Awards was recently announced by Chris Nelson, managing director of Philip Morris Philippines Manufacturing Inc. (PMPMI), in a luncheon-press conference at Nicotina.

Nelson said the competition would now be only national instead of regional. That is, it will be limited within a particular country and not proceed on a final leg in a host Asean city with winners from all Southeast Asian nations competing.

Nelson cited "individual markets" as reason for the pullout of PMPMI sponsorship of the regional competition.

Also, a new prize structure has been implemented. The Grand Prize winner will receive P300,000, and four Jurors' Choice winners will get P150,000 each. The five winning artists will each receive a trophy and an all-expense paid trip to Hong Kong.

Danny Alvarez, project consultant of the Philippine Art Awards (PAA), said the trip would be beneficial to the artists as they would find linkups with museums in Hong Kong for their works.

Now on its 11th year, "the premier visual-art competition in the country" just keeps growing. Nelson said there had been 570 entries last year, and 750 this year.

The PAA competition is open to all Filipino artists 18 years old and above. Only one entry from each artist is allowed, and any theme or subject may be explored. Any medium is acceptable, but the work must be two-dimensional and wall-bound, ready for exhibition, framed if appropriate, and has a proper hanging system.

The work must be original and not more than two years old. Works that have been exhibited are eligible, but not those that have been entered in any competition. Deadlines for submission of entries are Oct. 11-19 for provincial entries, and Oct. 21 for Manila entries.

Thirty semifinalists will vie for the prizes, "tightening the competition and making the playing field more competitive."

Exhibition of the 30 artworks opens on Nov. 17 during the awarding ceremony at the National Museum. They will be exhibited in three key cities from January to March 2006.

Just before the Philippine Art Awards 2005 was officially launched, PMPMI corporate affairs director Bayen Elero acknowledged the presence at the luncheon of past Asean Art Awards winners: Alfredo Esquillo, 1995 Grand Prize in Indonesia; Ferdinand Doctolero, 1995 Jurors' Choice in Indonesia; Nona Garcia, 2000 Grand Prize in Singapore; Norman Dreo, 2000 Jurors' Choice in Singapore; and Benjamin Elayda, 2002 Jurors' Choice in Indonesia.

Hunched over their lunch on two tables, these artists looked quite young, unassuming, rather shy. And they were the ones who did this country proud.

PHILIP Morris Phils. corporate affairs director Bayen Elero, Philip Morris managing director Chris Nelson and project consultant Danny Alvarez at the Philippine Art Awards 2005 official launch

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TO MARK THE MISSIONARY Benedictine Sisters' 100 years of apostolate in the Philippines, a concert of classical music will be held on Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Hall in St. Scholastica's College.

The event will feature performances by young artists from the Philippine Research for Developing Instrumental Soloists (Predis), faculty members, alumnae and the SSC Chamber Orchestra.

The Predis Children's Ensemble opens the concert with Bach's Concerto in D minor for Two Violins, conducted by Mary Grace Martinez. Vivaldi's Concerto for Four Violins in B minor will be played by Denise Santos Huang, Rechelle Alcances, Ma. Socorro Cruz and Michelle Roque, and conducted by Melchora Regina Medina.

The Manila Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo T. Molina will play Beethoven's Triple Concerto with Mary Ann Espina on piano, Melchora Regina Medina on violin and Antoni Josef Inacay on cello.

Benedictine monk and UST Conservatory of Music professor Fr. Manuel P. Maramba is the featured soloist in J. Brahms' Piano Concerto No.1 in D minor.

Concluding the concert will be John Rutter's canticle of the Virgin Mary, The Magnificat, for soprano or mezzo-soprano solo, mixed choir and orchestra.

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Kingdom Of A Higher World

No Mountain High

By Rev. Cawilihan T. Zubiri with Rev. Sharon E. Valencia

I have glimpsed a little light, and I believe I should show it to my countrymen. -- DR. JOSE RIZAL

JAGNA. A port town 63 kilometers from Tagbilaran, Bohol. Land area 12,000 hectares. Population 31,000. Classified as a fourth class municipality. An unlikely place to find a mountain climber.

But that's where Christopher and Marivic Bernido are. Educators — now unintentionally moving fellow-educators around the country to climb with them.

SERENDIPITY?

Christopher and Marivic both graduated from the University of the Philippines National Institute of Physics (NIP). Sent abroad for further studies, they returned to the country, equipped with Ph.D's in Theoretical Physics and went back to U.P. to be part of the faculty.

But Chris had a dream of putting up a research center for Theoretical Physics in the country. He decided to pursue his dream in his family hometown, Jagna.

Meanwhile, the family-ran school in Jagna — Central Visayan Institute (CVI) — set up in 1929 by Chris' grandfather, was not doing well. His 77 year-old mother, who was running the school then, felt that she needed help. Their high school graduates were not going on to college because college was too expensive and most were not performing well on entrance exams to universities around the country.

So Chris and Marivic agreed to lend a helping hand. They left their positions at UP (Chris was formerly director, Marivic assistant) and moved to Jagna.

Much of Chris' initial efforts went toward the research center which began to hold workshops and host triennial international conferences attracting some of the best physicists in the world, two of whom have — since their visit to Jagna — become Nobel laureates. Seminars were organized to transfer technology and know-how and help improve the research and academic programs of other institutions in the Visayas and Mindanao.

Marivic's efforts, meantime, went toward studying the school system. She realized that the traditional teaching methods developed in the West were not effective in the Philippine context. They motivated the strong students but not the weaker ones. She remembered the words of her mother — a teacher.

> *Ang magaling na teacher ay hindi nakikita sa magaling na estudyante. Pag yung mahina na estudyante ay napagaling, yun ang magaling na teacher.*

Marivic and Chris began to work out a program called the Dynamic Learning Program (DLP).

WHAT'S THE DLP?

Under the DLP, lectures are only about twentyminutes, and the rest of the period is spent doing individual or group work. Students, using their own words, answer questions like

- *What is quantum mechanics?*
- *How do we know how many protons, neutrons and electrons are found in an atom of the different elements?*
- *Calculate the molecular weight of aspirin.*

The work is entered into portfolios — color-coded plastic-covered folders containing accomplished activity sheets in each course — all neatly accomplished in the student's own handwriting. All work is done within the school. Students have no homework. Evenings are for the family — household chores, building relationships.

They soon saw that it had many advantages. It needed less equipment, especially for the sciences; teachers could rotate, so the school needed fewer teachers; the system was not affected by the differences in the personalities and skills of teachers; it required a smaller number of textbooks. Most of all, it got around the so-called "damaged culture" of the Filipino as cited by James Fallows[1] — the culture of *pwede na 'yan*, of receiving handouts and being dependent on others, our slanted understanding of honesty, and our skewed concept of time and discipline.

In short, DLP turned out to be a program which was suitable for Philippine context. It modeled a culture of excellence and hard work and it taught the students to learn how to learn.

THE RESULTS

Things began to look up. After eight years of trying without any passers— students passed the UP College Admission Test three years in a row: six passed in 2005, five in 2004, and four in 2003.

Then, in the Mathematical Challenge for Filipino Kids Training Program conducted by the Mathematics Trainers Guild (MTG) of the Philippines, the number of CVIF qualifiers rose from one to ten since 2002 – with two of them ranking second and third overall, outranking their counterparts from Tagbilaran City.

Educators from all over the country including Poveda, De La Salle and Immaculate Conception Academy have visited the school to look at the system.

A NATION TO BUILD

Is it an uphill climb? The Bernidos are born climbers. They chose a high mountain and then they began their ascent. Mark Twain said,

> *A born climber's appetite for climbing is hard to satisfy; when it comes upon him he is like a starving man with a feast before him; he may have other business on hand, but it must wait.*

Without financial aid, one wonders why they keep on going in pursuit of excellence. Perhaps the question is best answered by this story. In the 1980's Chris went to Germany for a research fellowship. Marivic was in the US for her Ph.D. studies. Chris sent her a letter. The letter said

> *Dear Marivic,*
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> *We must marry -- for the following five reasons:*
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> 1. *We both have a passion for learning*
> 2. *(personal)*
> 3. *(personal)*
> 4. *(personal)*
> 5. *WE HAVE A NATION TO BUILD.*

Marivic decided to marry Chris on the fifth reason.

AN OASIS IN THE DESERT

In the midst of the political squabbles and economic difficulties our country is passing through, the story of Chris and Marivic Bernido is like an oasis in the desert.

F. Sionil Jose, who believes that it is his duty to call for a revolution, was right when he said that the people who will form the vanguard of change in our country are the ones who will benefit from it. He said, "Revolution starts in the mind and heart. It alters attitudes to enable us to think beyond ourselves, family and ethnicity to encompass the whole nation." Moreover, that "the leaders of the revolution could be in [the] university, young men and women who have education but are not shackled by alien concepts, or the attitudes of superiority that destroy leadership. Such leaders, . . .must lead by sterling example, with integrity, courage, compassion, and a willingness to sacrifice, people who know that when the revolution is won, it is time to change from conspirators to even better administrators."[2]

> *He has showed you, O man, what is good.*
> *And what does the LORD require of you?*
> *To act justly and to love mercy*
> *and to walk humbly with your God.*
> -- MICAH 6:8 NIV

If each one of us would walk on God's trail of justice, mercy, and humility, then no mountain would be too high.

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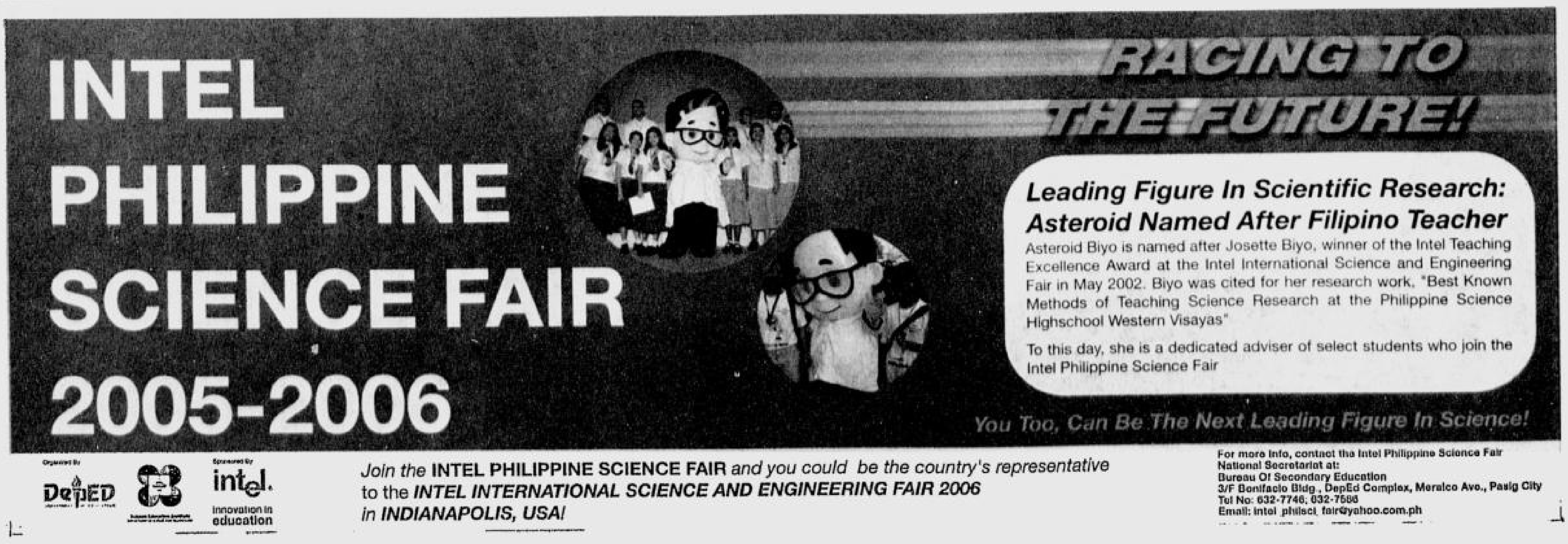
[1] James Fallows is the former editor of the Atlantic Monthly

[2] *"A Call for Revolution"* by F. Sionil Jose. An adaption from a speech he gave at the University of the Philippines on Nov. 23, 2004. A novelist, historian and journalist, F. Sionil Jose is the Philippines' most renowned living author. He is a recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award and the title of the National Artist for literature.



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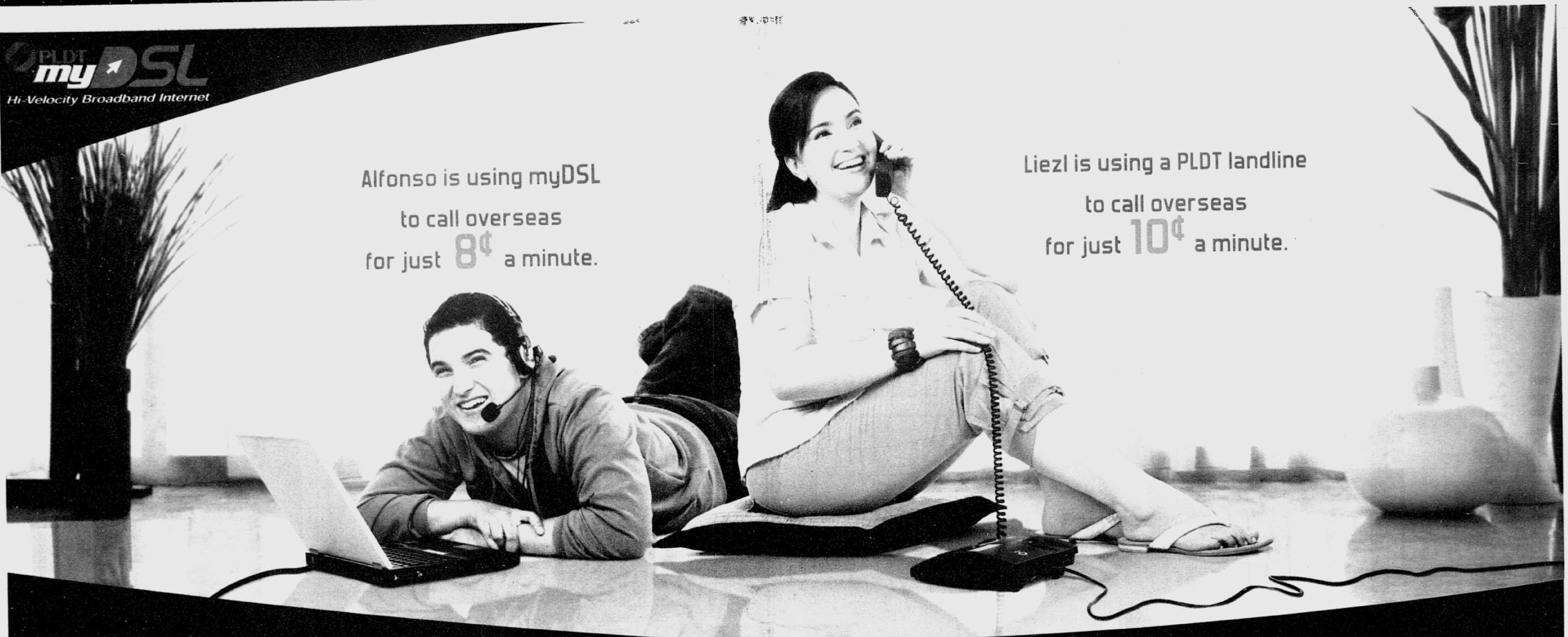

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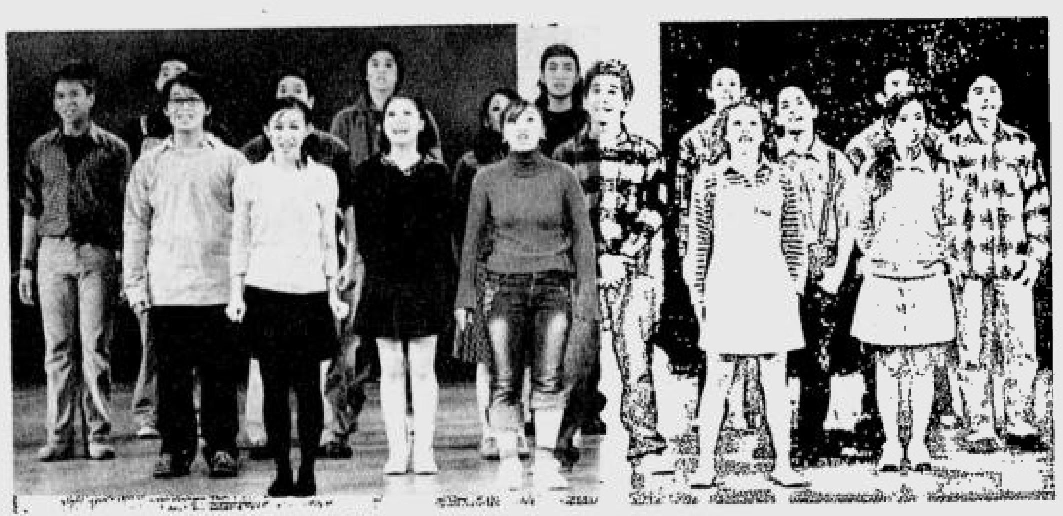

VIBRANT "Footloose" ensemble

Jay-R acquits himself admirably in Stages' sleek, amiable production of 'Footloose'

Frisky blast from the past

By Gibbs Cadiz

ONE ALMOST FEELS BAD trying to form objective thoughts about a musical as innocuous and eager to please as "Footloose," the stage incarnation of the cult 1984 film that starred a young Kevin Bacon in high-waisted *baston* pants and frizzy hairdo.

That blast from the past, quite a humdrum film but a guilty pleasure nonetheless, has acquired a warm nimbus of nostalgia around it, thanks no doubt to the affectionate way that crazy, neon-colored era is remembered by its now thirtysomething denizens.

Propulsive

So here comes "Footloose" some 20 years later, retooled as a toe-tapping Broadway musical with Kenny Loggins' propulsive soundtrack serving as the matrix on which the show's story of teenage rebellion and unbridled dancing is pegged.

Should we be happy enough that a linchpin film of our zit-filled, espadrille-clad adolescence has been thought good enough for translation to musical theater? Or should we dread the potential for travesty and idiotization, the same fate suffered by, among other musical film-to-stage casualties, "Singing in the Rain," "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," "Beauty and the Beast," "Fame" and "Saturday Night Fever?"

When it opened on Broadway in 1998, with additional music by Tom Snow and libretto by Dean Pitchford based on his screenplay, "Footloose" was thoroughly whipped by the critics, led by Ben Brantley of the New York Times who called it a "flavorless marshmallow of a musical."

Either Brantley is an unreconstructed sourpuss, or we Filipinos are really better at singing and dancing, because the local production mounted by Stages, currently running at the Meralco Theater, is a frisky, amiable show that may still be a marshmallow, but one flavored with enough sugar to keep you on a high.

Cheery narrative

The material lends itself well to musical theater. First off, its Capra-lite story, about a restless city boy named Ren McCormack who relocates with his mother to a stuck-up Midwest town and roils the place with his free-spirited ways, fits right in with the cheery narrative landscapes most Broadway musicals traffic in.

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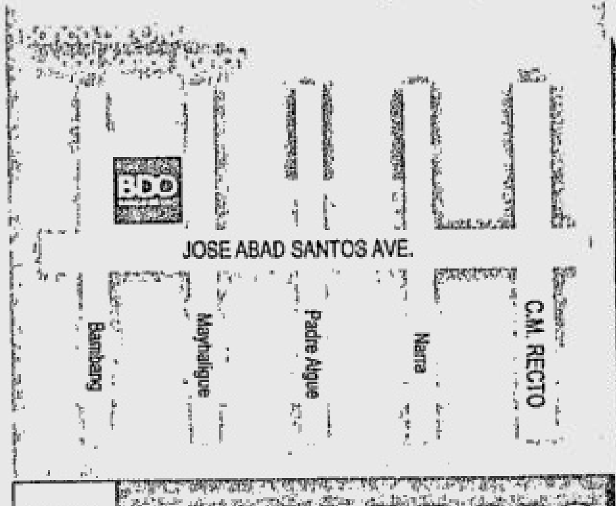

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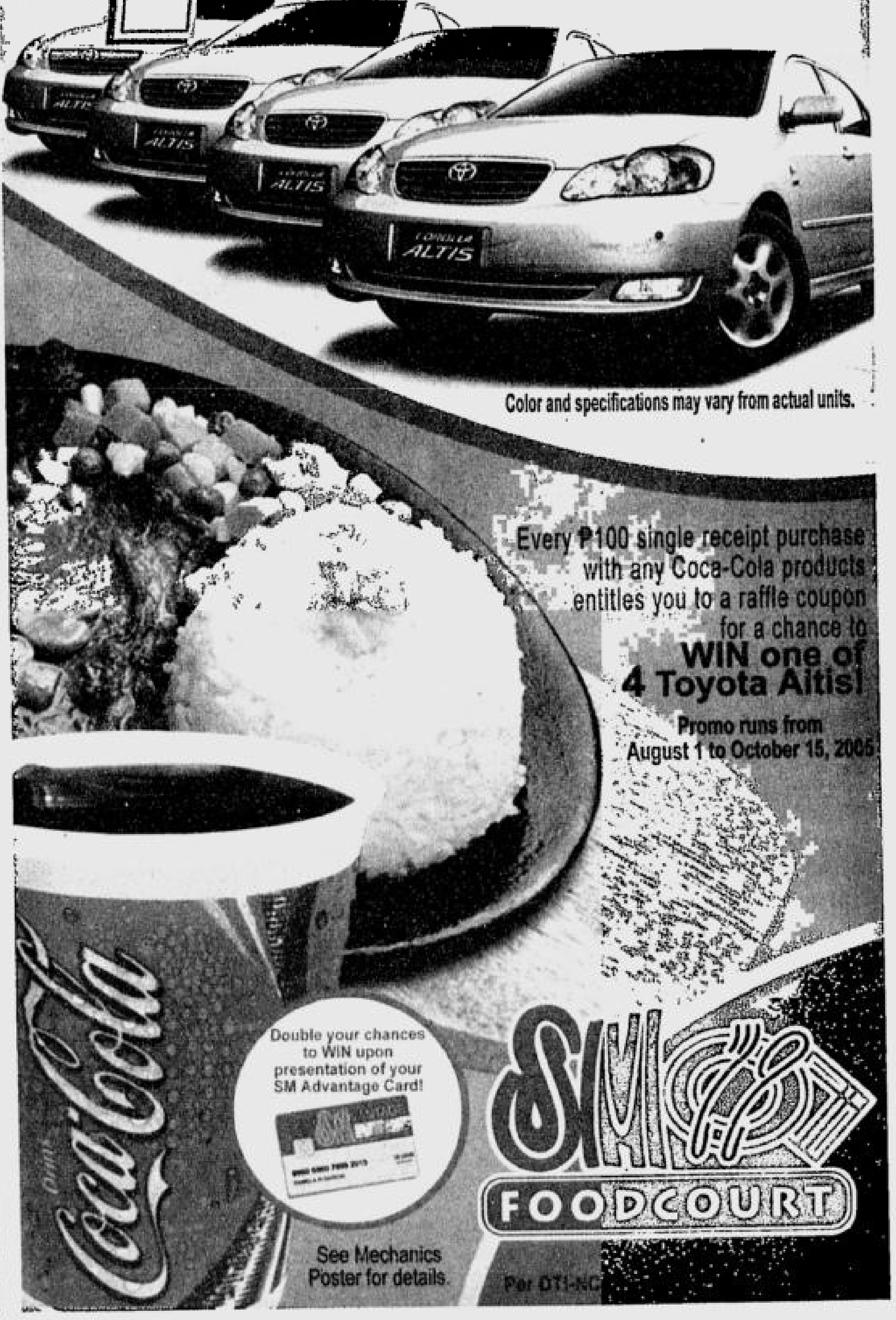

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Frisky blast from the past

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JONARD Yanzon as Ren McCormack and Iya Villania as Ariel, the preacher's daughter; (left) Agot Isidro as Vi, Rev. Moore's wife

JAY-R as Ren, with Ariel's friends played by Caisa Borromeo, Nikki Valdez and Kyla Rivera

Revolts against silly rigidity are a story arc present in so many other movies, from "Pleasantville" to "Chocolat." But it's only in "Footloose" where our hero gets to break-dance his frustrations away. (There's a more recent one, "Billy Elliot," and now it's a smash musical in London.)

The clincher is the movie's chart-topping soundtrack. Hits like "Let's Hear It For the Boy," "Almost Paradise," "Holding Out For a Hero," "Dancing in the Streets" and the title song have become hidebound '80s emblems. But hearing them blasting from the stage, reorchestrated and given new contexts, is oftentimes to experience the delight of seeing something dated made fresh.

Seamless

A good example is "The Girl Gets Around," sung by Sammy Hagar in the movie soundtrack. In the film, it underlines a sequence showing the headstrong preacher's daughter, Ariel (Lori Singer in the film, Iya Villania in this show), playing a dangerous prank with the town lowlife, Cranston, while their trucks hurtle down a dirt road.

Here, Cranston sings it as both an explanation and a boast, a declaration of his pride at being this girl's pick against everyone else's wishes. And as bellowed by Felix Rivera (great voice), the transition is seamless.

Similar magic happens with "Almost Paradise," a song that was for the '80s what "Broken Vow" is to today. With an updated arrangement that wisely ditches the tinny sound of synthesizers, and sung as a ballad of romantic acknowledgment rather than as a full-throttle derby piece, the song successfully transcends its kitschy roots.

It also allows Jay-R, playing Ren opposite Villania's Ariel, to show off his pliable pipes by mixing Broadway-style singing with the dips and curls of R&B vocalizing.

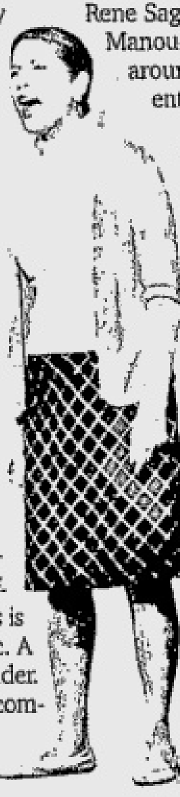
Charisma

Jonard Yanzon headlined "Footloose" in its first week, and Jay-R takes over for the rest of the four-week run, with the former sliding over to the role of Cranston. How do they compare?

Ren's transformation from bad boy to firebrand requires a performer of edgy charisma. After all, this new kid galvanizes an entire community to renounce the sanctimonious swill—that dancing and rock n' roll are the harbingers of drugs and depravity—that the Rev. Moore has been dishing out for years.

In this sense, Kevin Bacon was perfectly cast in the movie. Even in stillness, the actor radiated a coiled, smoldering presence—a trait absent in Yanzon. Not that he doesn't try his damn best. Yanzon is a sensitive actor and a powerful singer—certainly one of the best voices in the business today.

But there's no way to go around this: He looks paunchy on stage. That extra flab makes him appear shorter than he is, and coupled with an unselfconscious stoop, the image he creates is altogether ordinary and never heroic. A genial chap, certainly, but not a leader. Tellingly, as Cranston, he is more in command, and thrice as interesting.



Masterstroke

Jay-R, however, is a masterstroke in casting. The pop star is tall and well-built, charismatic without even trying, and best of all, unfakably hip.

On his first day in school, Ren is described as a "smartass." One look at Jay-R's urban, slacker-dude bearing and that adjective comes alive—not exactly negatively.

His abilities seem remarkably well-placed. He acts intuitively, and is a supple singer. There is a spring in his walk and rhythm in his talk. When he explodes into rap (in "Dancing is Not a Crime"), or does the vigorous, athletic choreography (by Rene Sagaran and James Laforteza of the Manouevers), he wraps the stage around him—the mark of a major talent.

Lively romp

Villania, unfortunately, is on the same boat as Yanzon. She warbles competently and looks fetching from all angles. But she is simply too chic and citified, even in hillbilly garments, to come across as a redneck lass, though she throws herself ardently into the role.

That same giddy energy permeates the mostly young cast, who twirl and shimmy and belt out their songs with sweet abandon. Chari Arespacochaga's direction of this lively romp is sleek and classy—too sleek, in fact, that the show comes close to being much too sanitized for its own good. The story's scrappy edges have been largely sanded off (reflected in Mio Infante's efficient but cold-looking set), and what's left is an unyielding sense of razzle-dazzle in General-Patronage form.

That's not bad in itself. Still, when juxtaposed against the show's surviving adult sequences (Ariel's bump-and-grind tryst in the wharf with Cranston, for instance, or Rev. Moore's arguments with his wife Vi touching on marital discontent), the tension between the material's gritty undertow and its more antiseptic stage ambitions can be quite startling.

Standouts

Among the "grownups," Audie Gemora as the Reverend and Agot Isidro as Vi are standouts.

It's a measure of Gemora's skills that his doctrinaire character becomes the show's most human figure, with an 11 o'clock soliloquy, "I Confess," that is a true emotional cliffhanger.

"Footloose" is only Isidro's third stage outing (she was a revelation in "Baby"), but already she is proving to be a gift. Her duet with Carla Martinez, who plays Ren's mother, is a beautifully sung lament about womanly patience and regret. The erstwhile pop singer's voice has grown richer, and she delivers her lines, few as they are, with depth and grace.

The kids in the audience, of course, would hardly care. "Footloose" is marketed as family entertainment, so jittery tykes can be forgiven when they loll about in their seats every time the Reverend and his wife launch into one of their chilly spats.

Good thing there's more than enough dancing and singing in this show to distract them from grownup woes. For 2 ½ hours at least, "Footloose" and its merry band make a good case for cutting loose and having fun. Time to dust off those espadrilles.

"Footloose" runs until Sept. 25 at the Meralco Theater. Call 8919999, 6354478, 6317252 or visit www.ticketworld.com.ph

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The cold sea inside

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splintering of carefully preserved emotional walls that breaks off into a hole of ice that leads to murky waters.

Director Rito Asilo gives his cast their rightful place in the sun. There are no artistic shortcuts, and each one is given free rein to explore and display his or her character's turmoil.

The cast members do succeed in the first act. The tension is seething, the emotions leashed and brooding, with the only false note in the scene when Nancy merely fumes the first time the police confirms her daughter's fate. An explosion of anger, even this early, would have been more natural.

Wilson is a panther about to pounce, yet he somehow manages to shade his amorality with the vulnerability of a beaten little boy who never grew up.

Crescendo

The tension ripens, but it never really rises to a crescendo when this is called for in the second act. At this point, the audience has fallen into the rabbit hole and is plunging into the depths of the Arctic sea. We would have expected more tumult, more pathos, a greater disturbance when the moral and emotional lines become blurred.

But, and in spite of Wilson's barely controlled tears, the conversation remains civil, the tone in the second act remains politely leashed, faltering into a flatness that betrays the promise of the first act.

The friction expected as the characters begin to collide by the second act never really happens. Perez's Nancy seems all too accepting of Wilson's Brian during their first meeting, with nary a trace of nervousness or discomfort. Nor is there any animosity, articulated at every turn during the first act, at what could have been a first shattering meeting between Nancy and Agnetha in the second act.

Potential

We also never fully understand what drives Agnetha. Jamora is a fine actress with tremendous potential. However, while she does succeed in showing Agnetha's feisty if bright-eyed psychiatrist, the complexity of the character is left unexplored.

What drives her? How did that particular tragedy wound her? How does it affect her judgment in her dealings with both Nancy and Ralph? By the time we do find out about her own trauma, the emotional connection she has established with the audience is too fragile to give that particular revelation any significance.

That the production succeeds in showing us the isolation and deadness of spirit of individuals whose lives have been put in the freezer is evident. What leaves us wanting for more is the passion of turbulence that would have been awakened in their spirits, once the iceberg thaws and the snowy ground begins to crack.

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Channel	2:30PM	3:00PM	3:30PM	4:00PM	4:30PM	5:00PM	5:30PM	6:00PM	6:30PM	7:00PM	7:30PM	8:00PM	8:30PM	9:00PM	9:30PM	10:00PM	10:30PM	11:00PM	11:30PM
NBN	Value Vision		Value Vision	New Life TV Shopping		Teledyaryo	Diyos Ko, Mahal Mo Ba Sila?	Tinig ng Bayan (Live)				Teledyaryo				Dial M			
ABS-CBN 2	Kapamilya Cinema				Pasion de Amor	Mr. Bean	Naruto	Qpids	Meteor Garden Season 2	TV Patrol World	Mga Anghel Na Walang Langit	Ikaw Ang Lahat Sa Akin	Kampanerang Kuba	Pinoy Big Brother	Green Rose	OK Fine! Whatever			Insider
ABC 5			EZ Shop		Winner TV Shopping		TNA Impact		Sentro	Friends	Guinness Book Of Record		Fear Factor		Big News	Look Who's Talking		Stboard On-Air	
GMA 7	Kung Mamahalin Mo Lang Ako	Now and Forever	Hotsilor	12 Kingdoms	Slam Dunk	All For Love		24 Oras		Extra Challenge		Dama	Encantadia	Sugo	Attic Cat	Lagot Ka, Isusumbong Kita			Saksi
RPN 9	TV Shopping		Defenders Of The Earth	Hey Arnold!	Wild Thornberries	Sponge Bob	Global Battle Of The Bands	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	Ambush Makeover		Medium		Cold Case		Newswatch Now	Simple Life 2	Corge For Truth	
IBC 13		EZ Shop		EZ Shop		Home Shopping Network	IBC Express Balita	Krusada Kontra Krimen		MTV		ME TV		Basketball Show		King Of Adventure	IBC News Tonite	MTV	
SBN 21		New Life TV Shop		New Life TV Shop				EZ Shop				Oras Ng Himala		Oras ng Katotohanan		Superfine Tv Shopping		Evening Devotions	
Studio 23								Get Backers	Beyblade	Wazzup Wazzup	America's Next Top Model	Tru Calling		Charmed		News Central	The Next Joe Millionaire		Travel Time
MTV Philippines	Spring Break	MTV Urban Beats	MTV Pop Inc.		Wade Robson	Hanging Out At MTV	MTV Get Spotted	TRL		Massive	MTV Play	Diyes		Rockola	MTV Jams	The 70's House	Laguna Beach	MTV Play	VH1 Video Collections
MYX	Star MYX	Urban MYX	Rock MYX	OPM MYX	My MYX	Take 5	MYX Backtrax	MYX Firsts	Mellow MYX	Pop MYX	Urban MYX	MYX Daily Top Ten		OPM MYX Countdown		My MYX	OPM MYX	MYX Backtrax	Mellow MYX
CNN		Business International		Larry King Live		World News	World Sport	Business International		World News	World Sport	World News Asia		World News	Living Golf	World News Asia		Your World Today	
ESPN												Sportscenter Asia							
Solar Sports		FIVB World Grand Prix '05				WNBA Game Finals				Boxing Pacquiao vs Velasquez			Sports Desk						
Sports Plus	Bell Canadian Open					Get A Grip	US Open 2005 Women's Doubles			NFL 2005						US Open 2005 Day 15 Men's Final			
Cinemax				The Survivors Club			Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines				Stranger At The Door (7:25 PM)			Plots With A View			Wyatt Earp (10:35PM)		
Hallmark Channel	Bewitched	Wife Swap		HCA: The Fairytaler	Sesame Street		Mad About You	Bewitched	Ladies Man	Just Cause		Wife Swap		Valentin			Regenesis (10:35PM)		Just Cause (11:25PM)
Disney Channel	Mr. Bean: The Animated Series	Totally Spies	Art Attack/Unfaktive Bunny	So Little Time	Mickey Mouse and Friends	Martin Mystery	Totally Spies	Kim Possible	Mr. Bean: The Animated Series	House Of Mouse	Wonderful World Of Disney			So Little Time	Sabrina, The Animated Series	Mickey Mouse and Friends	Chip N Dale's Rescue Rangers	Wonderful World Of Disney	
Discovery Channel		Body Work		Impossible Heists		Wild Tech		Anatomical Travelogues		Unsolved History				Wild Discovery		Zero Hour		Seven Wonders Of Ancient Greece	
National Geographic		Built For The Kill		Planet Wild		Wild!		Dogs With Jobs	Toyota World Of Wildlife	Wow!		About Asia		Megacities Week		Built For The Kill		Planet Wild Series 3	
Cartoon Network	Scooby-Doo Show	The All New Popeye Show		Tom & Jerry Show	The Woody Woodpecker Show	X-Men Evolution	Static Shock	Pet Alien	Atomic Betty	SD Gundam Force	Machine Robo Rescue	Toonami: Beyblade V Force Marathon			Johnny Bravo	Time Squad	Thundercats	Pet Alien	Atomic Betty
Nickelodeon	Blues Clues/What Planet Are You From	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	My Life As A Teenage Robot/Right On Top	The Adventures Of Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob SquarePants		All That	Naturally Sadie	Sabrina, The Teenage Witch	Drake & Josh	Romeo	All Grown Up	As Told By Ginger	Rocket Power	Chalkzone	The Wild Thornberrys	The Angry Beavers	Are You Afraid of the Dark?
Lifestyle Network	Country Style	Interiors By Design	Decorating With Style	Decorating Cents	Molto Mario	Sweet Dreams	30 Minute Meals	Bill Boggs Corner	Unwrapped	Food 911	Best Kept Hollywood Secrets		NY Fashion Week	Life & Style		Fine Living Special		Breathing Room	Genuine Article
Star World		The Bold & The Beautiful		Hollywood Squares	Whose Line Is It Anyway?	Buffy The Vampire Slayer		The Simpsons	The Drew Carey Show	Star News Asia	Friends	Married To The Kellys	Still Standing/Everybody Loves Raymond	Yes Dear	Becker	Wonderfalls		Friends	Married To The Kellys
AXN		Next Action Star		Worst Case Scenario		30 Seconds To Fame	E Buzz	The Legend Of Condor Hero	The Legend Of Condor Hero	The Amazing Race 5		Now See This	Fear Factor (Season V)			Lost		Lost	
JackTV		South Park	Street Smarts	Wwe Heat		WWE Velocity		Cheat	Just For Laughs	Mad TV		Sweet Spot	Comedy Central Presents	Shorties Watching Shorties	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	Blue Collar TV	Banzai	Joe Schmo Show	
ETC		Complete Savages	Knock First	Blind Date	Fifth Wheel	Elimidate	Change of Heart	Seinfeld	Ambush Makeover	Friends	Will & Grace	The O.C.		Queer Eye For The Straight Guy		ET Weekend		For Love Or Money	
HBO			Dragon Storm			Sabrina				Batman Forever				The Punisher				Combustion (11:05PM)	
Star Movies			The Unexpected Journey			Rob Roy					Barb Wire (7:20 PM)			The Next Karate Kid				Bringing Down The House (10:50PM)	
Cinema One		Oro, Plata, Mata		Bata, Bata Paano Ka Ginawa	-			Ilaban Mo Bayan Ko				Now That I Have You				Sa Bawat Tunog Ng Kampana			
EWTN	The Church And The Poor-Building Bridges	Angelus (3:15 PM)	Benediction And Devotion Encore	Faith Factory A	Image Of God	Rosary With Mother Angelica	EWTN Gallery	Threshold Of Hope Encore		Sunday Night Live With Fr. Groeschel		Daily Mass		Angelus (9:15 PM)	Holy Spirit In The Church	St. Matthew Evangelist Of The Church	Getting God's Help	Catholic Compass	

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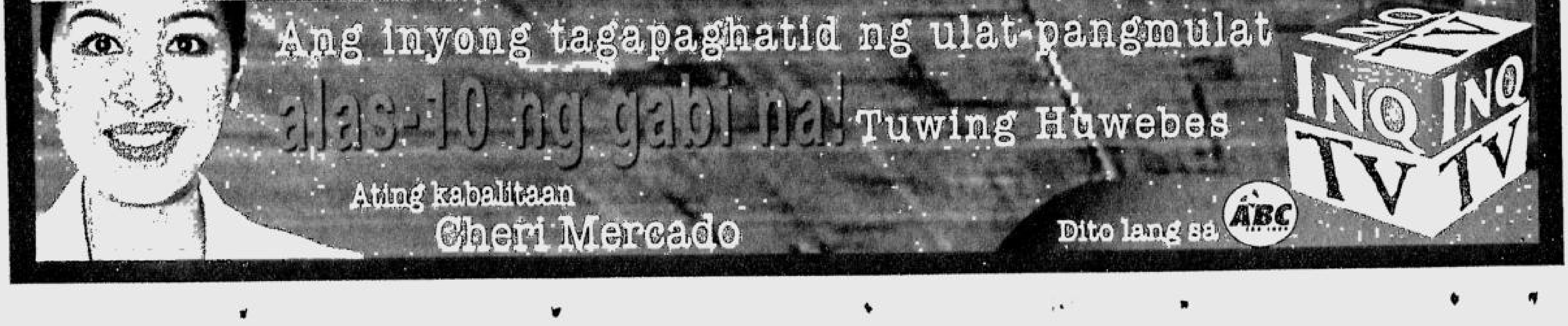
Ang inyong tagapaghatid ng ulat-pangmulat
alas-10 ng gabi na! Tuwing Huwebes
Ating kabalitaan
Cheri Mercado
Dito lang sa ABC
INQ TV

SOLOIST Marian Faustino as Lise with Jonathan Janolo as Mother Simone, Ricardo Mallari as Alain and Marcus Tolentino as Thomas

Ballet Manila stages dance comedy

IS IT CALLED SLAPSTICK OR simply funny choreography? Doing a dance comedy is one of the most challenging jobs for a ballet company. Why? Because, depending on the audience, there are more ways than one to fall on your face, or off your seats.

"The Naughty Daughter," Ballet Manila's second season performance for 2005-06, is a two-act ballet that can do just that—make the audience fall off their seats in raucous laughter. With the choreography of Sergey Vikulov and music of Herold, the ballet stars Lise (Lisa Macuja, Sandra Huang and Marian Faustino) and Colas (Jerome Espejo, Gerardo Francisco and Rudy de Dios) as a young couple in love—forced apart by a domineering and ambitious Mother Simone (Jonathan Janolo).

The cast of comic characters includes the simpleton Alain (Niño Guevarra, Ricardo Mallari and Manny Febra) and his father Thomas (Marcus Tolentino).

Ballet Manila also performs Velvet Wings, the powerful choreography of David Campos, to the music of Japanese composer Sakamoto.

Performances are in Star Theater on Sept. 23 at 6 p.m.; Sept. 24 and 25 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Sept. 30 at 5 p.m.; Oct. 1 and 2 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

A ticket to a Ballet Manila performance also entitles the holder to a "Ride-All-You-Can" bracelet in Star City.

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PRINCIPAL dancer Lisa Macuja Elizalde as Lise, partnered by senior soloist Jerome Espejo as Colas, with Niño Guevarra as Alain, Lemuel Capa as the Flutist, Jonathan Janolo as Mother Simone, Marcus Tolentino as Thomas, Arnulfo Andrade as the Rooster and Dawna Mangahas and Gia Galvez as the Chickens

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The cold sea inside

By Cora Llamas
Contributor

JENNY Jamora, Jamie Wilson and Roselyn Perez in "Frozen"

"FROZEN," THE NEW PLAY MOUNTED BY New Voice Company for a brief two weeks at the Republic of Malate Theater, proceeds at a very glacial pace. Perhaps playwright Bryony Lavery meant to give the audience time to take in bit by bit a seemingly analytical approach to subjects that would make us cringe: pedophilia, child murder, retribution, the cold killer as a victim who deserves our compassion and not the harshest disciplinary measures of our judicial system.

But, ultimately, "Frozen" is more than just another one of those forgiveness-versus-punishment soap operas that crop up in cable TV. At first glance, the characters do seem to represent the usual suspects: the anguished, angry mother Nancy (Roselyn Perez) whose 10-year-old daughter was brutally raped and murdered; Ralph the psychopath (Jamie Wilson) whose only regret is that his destructive inclinations are not granted legitimacy by society; and Agnetha (Jenny Jamora), the ambitious, spunky psychiatrist who wants to make a name by arguing for the emotional disability of serial killers.

Lavery takes his material a few notches deeper by making it a psychological journey, and not a courtroom drama that deliberates the pros and cons of legal or criminal issues. Making sure we get the point, he keeps mentioning wintry analogues (the criminal mind as a frozen wasteland) and icy references (Agnetha's Icelandic heritage) to the point of repetition.

The three characters are frozen internally, unable to move forward in their lives because of tragedy. Seeing how their secret closets open up and the skeletons in them compel their lives to interweave is the dramatic backbone of the play.

Monologues

Lavery's first act is a series of scenes that are virtual monologues. The plot unfolds according to the characters' different perspectives: Nancy's escape into groups who look for lost children and the erosion her hatred causes her family; Ralph's reliving of his chilling obsession; and Agnetha's clinical research that threatens to venture into more personal issues. There is almost no interaction between the three, emphasizing that they are caught in their own solitary prisons.

Naturally, the walls come crashing down painfully during the second act, when Lavery does make his characters meet. However, there are no easy answers, no feel-good platitudes when the characters encounter a semblance of redemption. It would even be misleading to say that Lavery makes a case for the anti-capital punishment advocates.

In one of the more moving moments in the play, it is the sorrowful mother, and not the expert doctor, who manages to instill a sense of profound regret and remorse in the killer. The wasteland that needs to be thawed is not the criminal's brain, but his heart.

This is a lesson that Ralph does not learn without a price. And when he realizes the full impact of his crime, his new moral sense makes him exact on himself the justice that the doctor says he does not deserve and which the once vengeful mother finally discards.

Actor's piece

Ultimately, "Frozen" is an actor's piece, and the emotional power it allows to creep on the audience depends on the thespians who play the three main protagonists. This is no tidal wave but—in keeping up with its title—a

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> Bryony Lavery's 'Frozen,' staged by New Voice Company, is more than just one of those forgiveness-versus-punishment soap operas on cable TV

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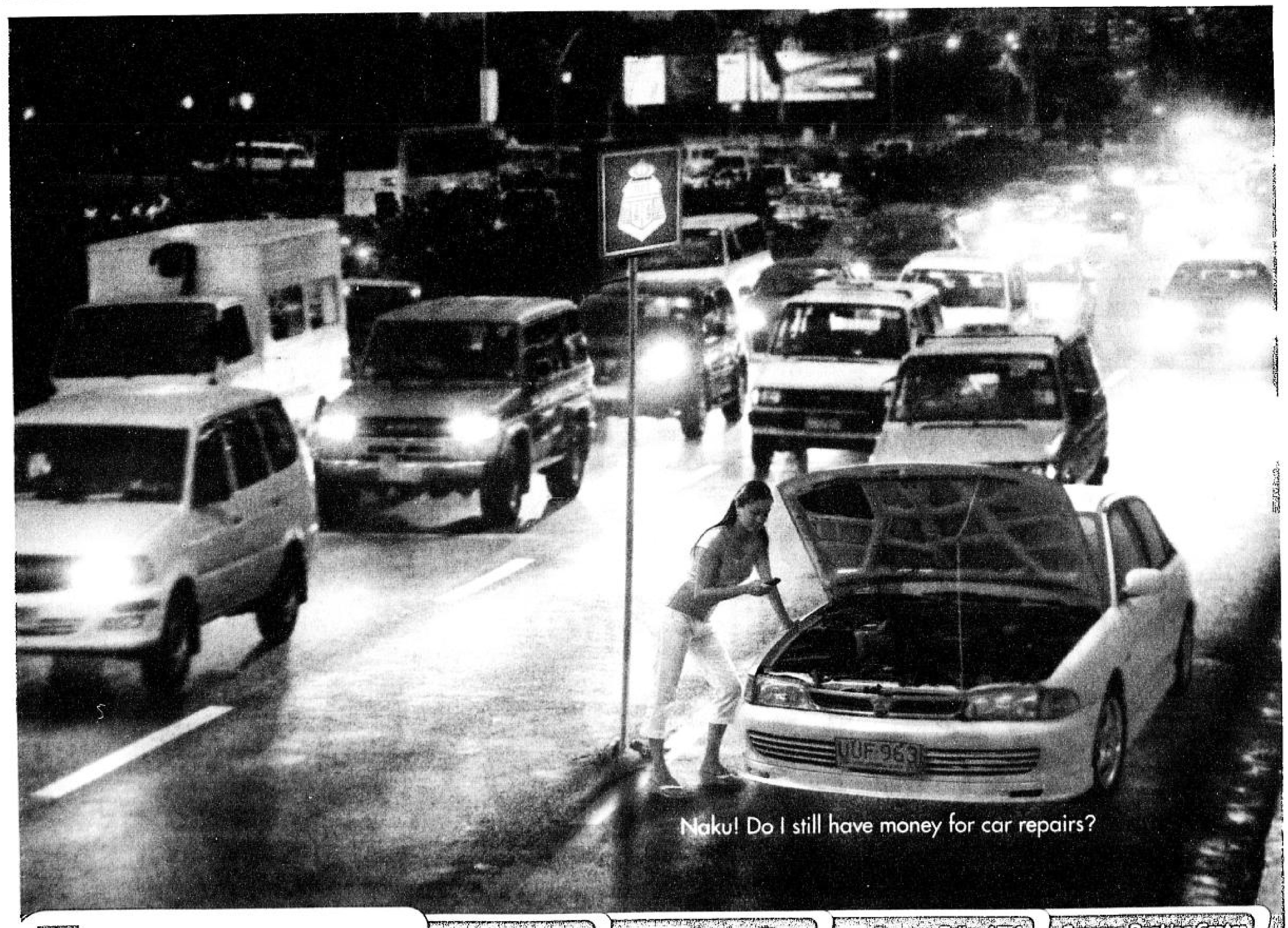

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Bombay's many-layered realities

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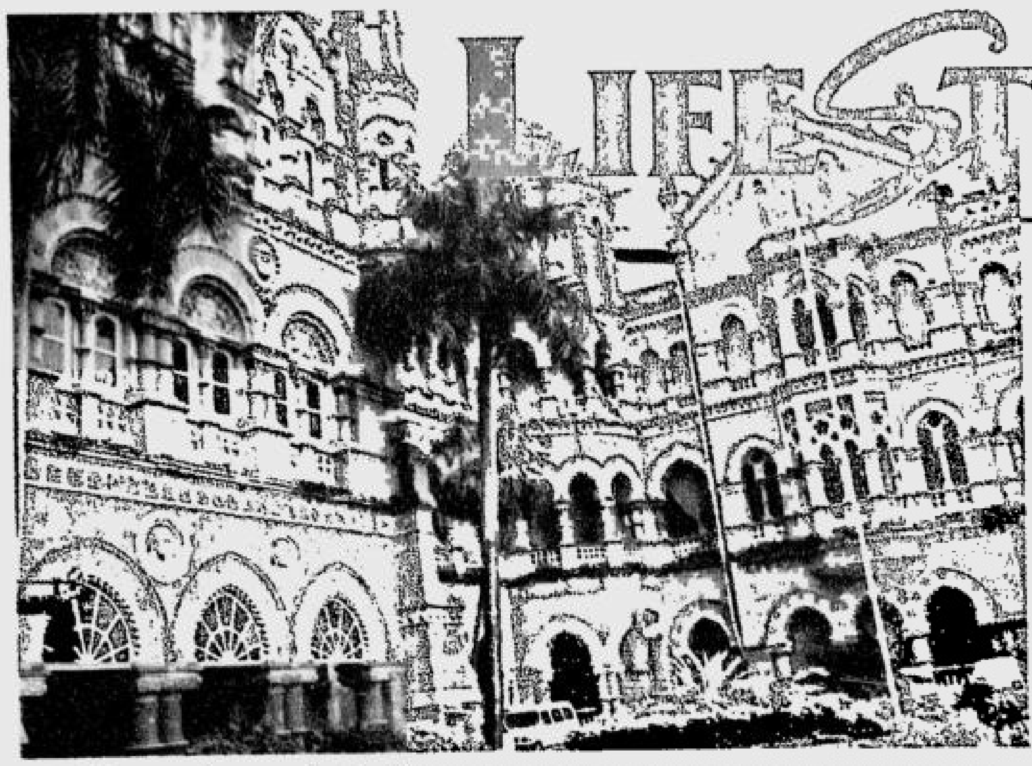

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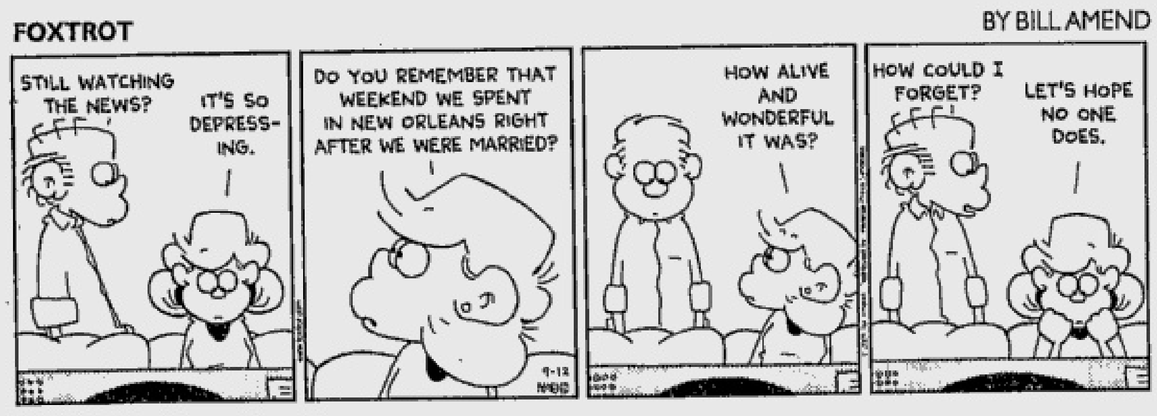
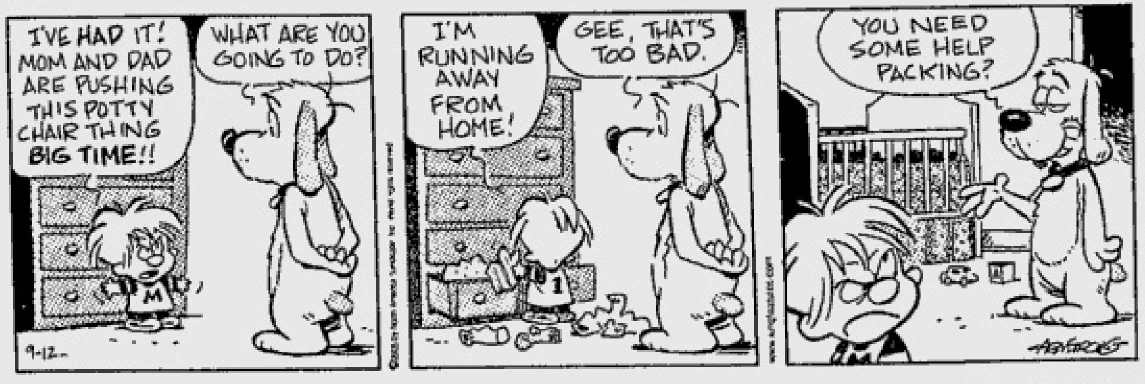
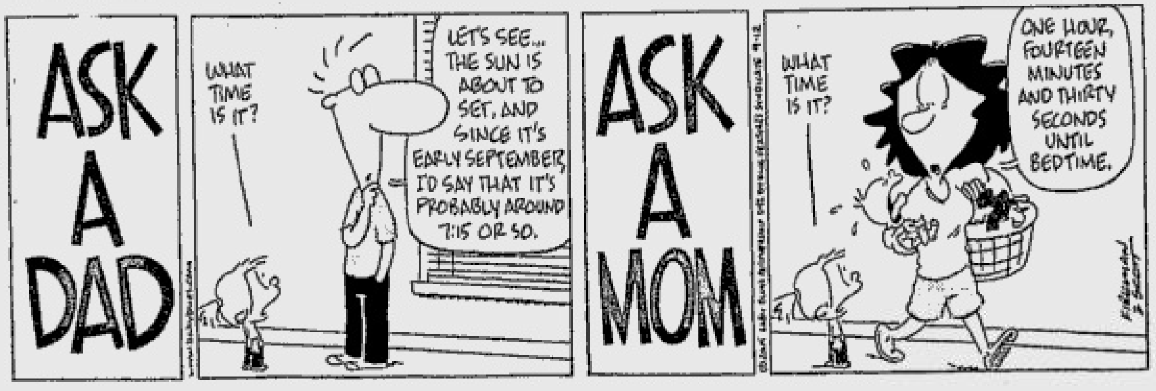

STILL WATCHING THE NEWS?
IT'S SO DEPRESSING.
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT WEEKEND WE SPENT IN NEW ORLEANS RIGHT AFTER WE WERE MARRIED?
HOW ALIVE AND WONDERFUL IT WAS?
HOW COULD I FORGET?
LET'S HOPE NO ONE DOES.
9-12

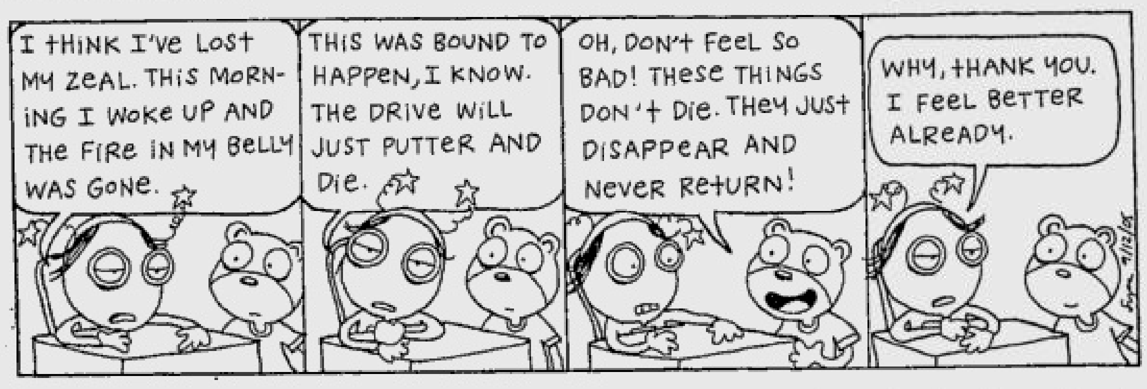
MARVIN BY TOM ARMSTRONG


I'VE HAD IT! MOM AND DAD ARE PUSHING THIS POTTY CHAIR THING BIG TIME!!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I'M RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME!
GEE, THAT'S TOO BAD.
YOU NEED SOME HELP PACKING?
9-12

BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT


ASK A DAD
WHAT TIME IS IT?
LET'S SEE... THE SUN IS ABOUT TO SET, AND SINCE IT'S EARLY SEPTEMBER, I'D SAY THAT IT'S PROBABLY AROUND 7:15 OR SO.
ASK A MOM
WHAT TIME IS IT?
ONE HOUR, FOURTEEN MINUTES AND THIRTY SECONDS UNTIL BEDTIME.

ATOMO AND WEBOY BY LYRA GARCELLANO


I THINK I'VE LOST MY ZEAL. THIS MORNING I WOKE UP AND THE FIRE IN MY BELLY WAS GONE.
THIS WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN, I KNOW. THE DRIVE WILL JUST PUTTER AND DIE.
OH, DON'T FEEL SO BAD! THESE THINGS DON'T DIE. THEY JUST DISAPPEAR AND NEVER RETURN!
WHY, THANK YOU. I FEEL BETTER ALREADY.

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're very brave. You do whatever has to be done. You're also an idealist with a strong sense of ethics. People enjoy your company because you're amiable and witty. You're private, and serious about what matters most to you. Few people really understand you. The year ahead is full of exciting new beginnings!
Birthdate of: Yao Ming, basketball player; Jesse Owens, Gold-medalist sprinter; Paul Walker, actor.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Today is an easier day. Nevertheless, authority figures expect respect. Don't do anything that calls attention to yourself in a negative way. Just go with the flow.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Unusual news related to publishing, foreign countries or technology will please you today. Quite likely, you'll encounter someone from another culture or distant place.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Surprise goodies, favors and advantages might come your way today. Accept them! You've earned this. (What goes around, comes around.)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Today the Moon is opposite your sign. All your dealings with others will be low-key but pleasant. People want to discuss serious things. (That's OK with you.)

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Because your ambition is aroused, this is a good day to get down to some serious work. Whatever you do now can impress others. (You want to earn others' respect.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Today the Moon fits nicely with your sign. It's a good time to promote artistic and creative ventures. It's also a good day to discuss how to take care of children.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You feel conservative about domestic plans right now. You might want to pull in your ideas somewhat. You see that you need to walk before you can run.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Your ideas are practical but unusual today. Don't be afraid to suggest things to others. You see things with fresh eyes today. (This impresses people.)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): If you go shopping, you'll want whatever you buy to last for a long time. Furthermore, it will be practical and useful. It could be related to technology or some kind of fancy gizmo.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): The Moon is in your sign today. This gives you an advantage over everyone else. However, it could make you a bit more emotional. (Fortunately, you feel good today.)

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): If you can squeeze in a little time just for yourself to have a private moment somewhere, do it. You need a little solitude to pull your act together.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): This is a good day for serious family discussions. You're concerned about long-term plans connected with real estate or where you live. You might be talking to or about a parent.

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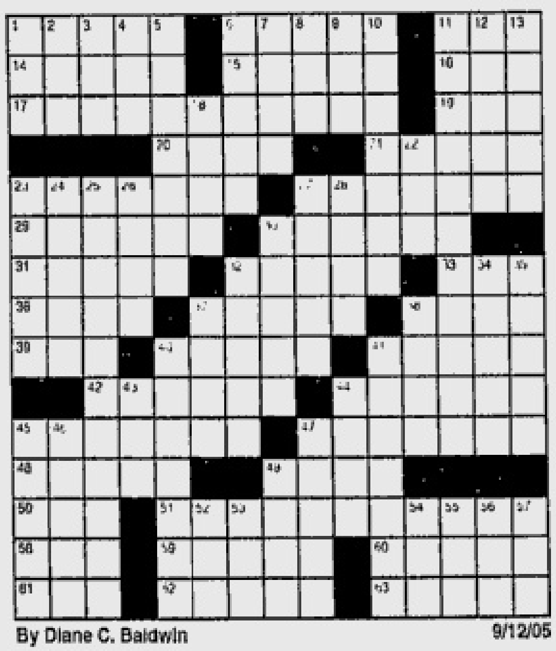

By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD
9/12/05

ACROSS
1 Wool-gather?
6 Little misses
11 Green card org.
14 Trump, maybe
15 Farewell, Yves
16 Irving's Van Winkle
17 Bad idea
19 Above, in an ode
20 Inclination to anger
21 Trip the light fantastic
23 Particulars
27 Bride-to-be
29 Trues up
30 French boat
31 Golf course halves
32 Harrow parts
33 Pi follower
36 Lights-out signal
37 Fort of Texas
38 Educated guess
39 ISS partner
40 Closes
41 Macbeth, for one
42 Fairly recent
44 Eggheads
45 Common igneous rock
47 Women with degrees
48 Handgrips
49 Musical piece
50 Hooter
51 Inherited wealth
58 What'd I tell ya?
59 Gantry or Fudd
60 Spine-tingling
61 Do one's best
62 Boxer Liston
63 Resided

DOWN
1 Scale note
2 Cry's companion
3 JFK datum
4 Say further
5 Tim or Marty
6 Really irks
7 Gathering dust
8 "Road to __"
9 August sign
10 Cool desserts
11 Cold War division
12 Sister's kid
13 Bout of indulgence
18 Is not well
22 SNL's Gasteyer
23 "Divine Comedy" poet
24 Disney's middle name
25 NYC music district
26 Time periods
27 Stops eating
28 Restless yearning
30 Family milestone
32 Wet thoroughly
34 Barbera's partner
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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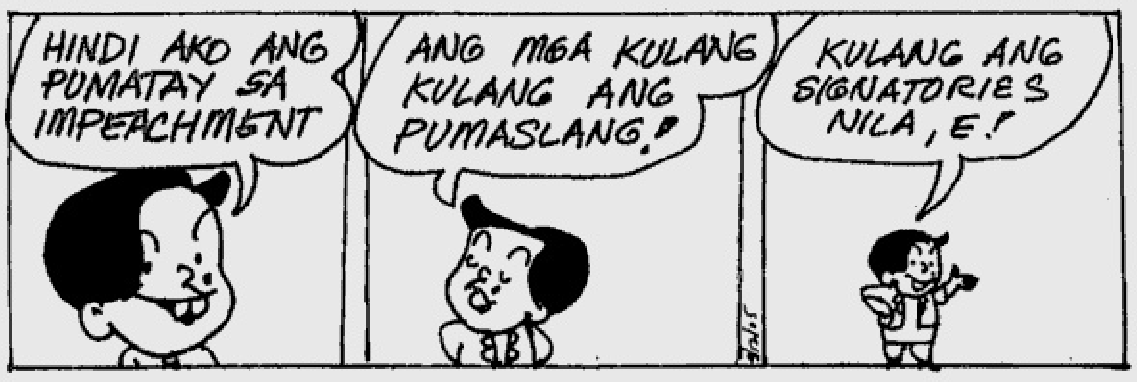
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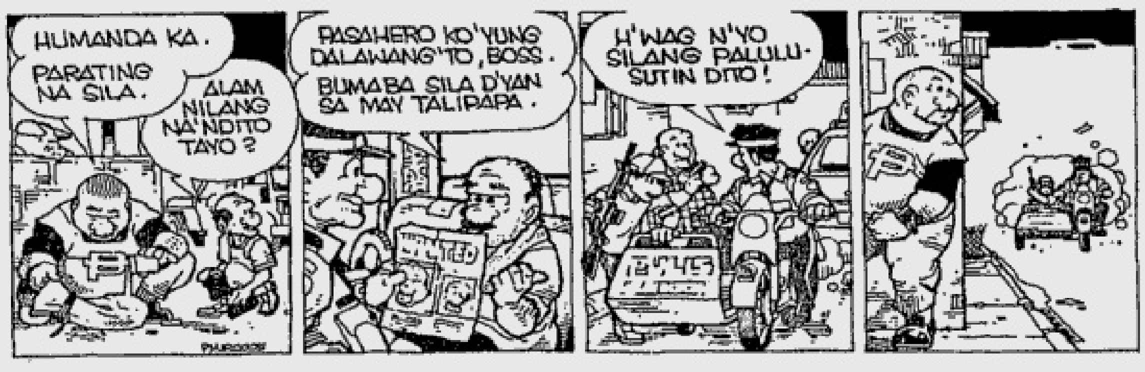
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PASAHERO KO 'YUNG DALAWANG 'TO, BOSS. BUMABA SILA D'YAN SA MAY TALIPAPA.
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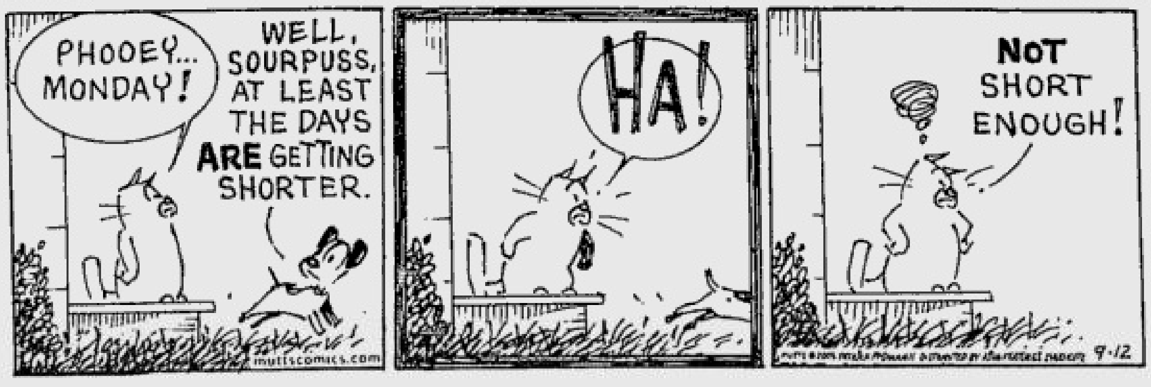
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WELL, SOURPUSS, AT LEAST THE DAYS ARE GETTING SHORTER.
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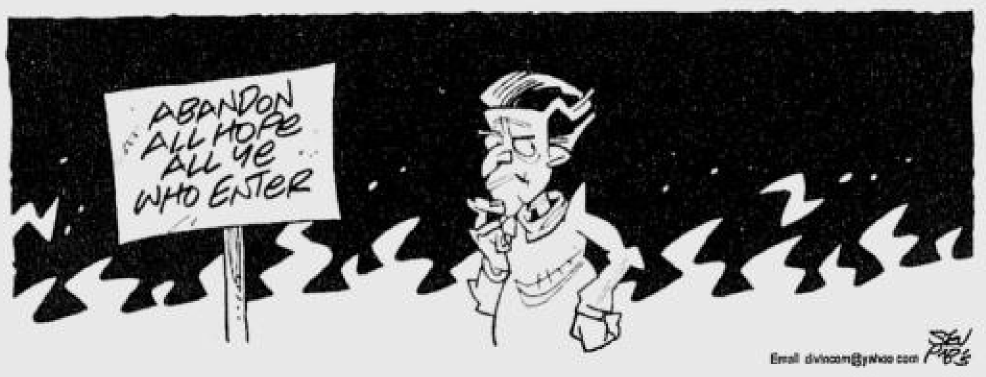
ABANDON ALL HOPE ALL YE WHO ENTER

PAGDATING NI HARRY HOUDINI SA IMPYERNO, NAG-ISIP KAAGAD SYA NG PARAAN KUNG PAANO MAKATAKAS

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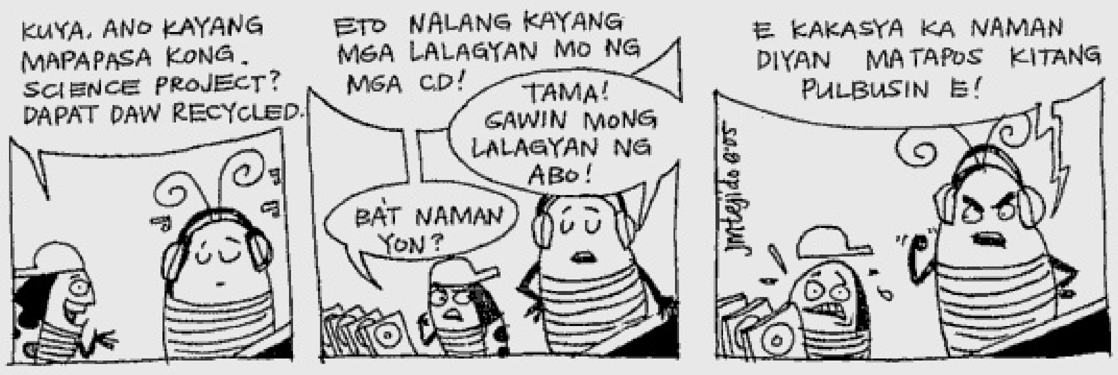
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ETO NALANG KAYANG MGA LALAGYAN MO NG MGA CD!
TAMA! GAWIN MONG LALAGYAN NG ABO!
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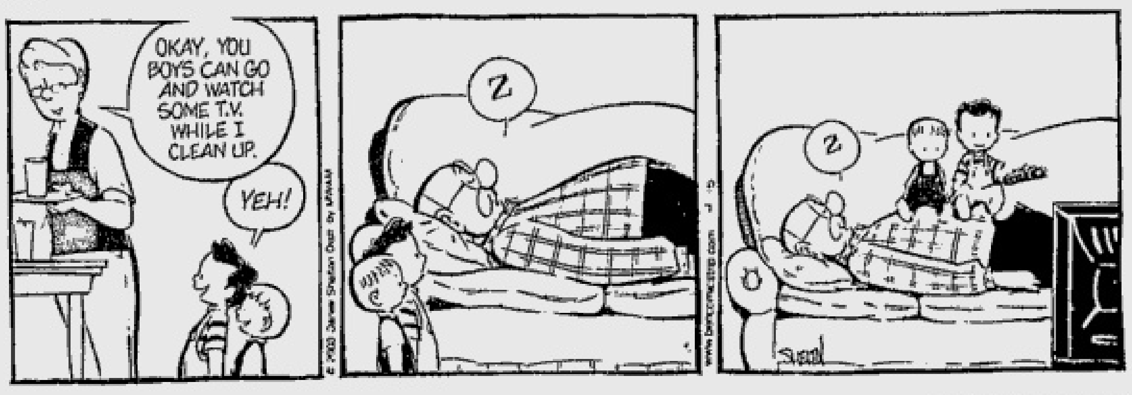
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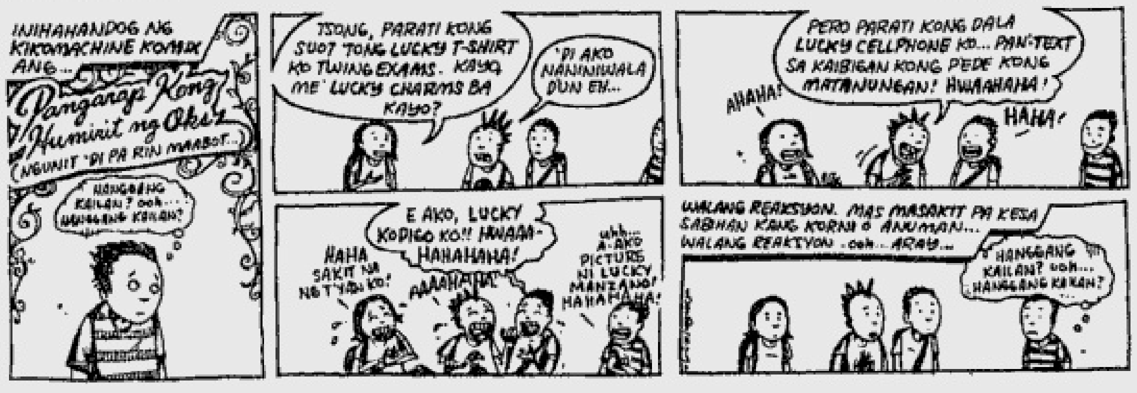
INIHAHANDOG NG KIKOMACHINE KOMIX ANG...
Pangarap Kong Humirit ng Oks! (NGUNIT 'DI PA RIN MAABOT...)
HANGGANG KAILAN? ooh... HANGGANG KAILAN?
TSONG, PARATI KONG SUOT 'TONG LUCKY T-SHIRT KO TWING EXAMS. KAYO, ME' LUCKY CHARMS BA KAYO?
'DI AKO NANINIWALA DUN EH...
PERO PARATI KONG DALA LUCKY CELLPHONE KO... PAN-TEXT SA KAIBIGAN KONG PEDE KONG MATANUNGAN! HWAAHAHA!
AHAHA!
HAHA!
E AKO, LUCKY KODIGO KO!! HWAAHAHAHAHA!
HAHA SAKIT NA NG TYAN KO!
AAAHAHAHA!
uhh... A-AKO PICTURE NI LUCKY MANZANO! HAHAHAHA!
WALANG REAKSYON. MAS MASAKIT PA KESA SABIHAN KANG KORNI O ANUMAN... WALANG REAKSYON ...ooh... ARAY...
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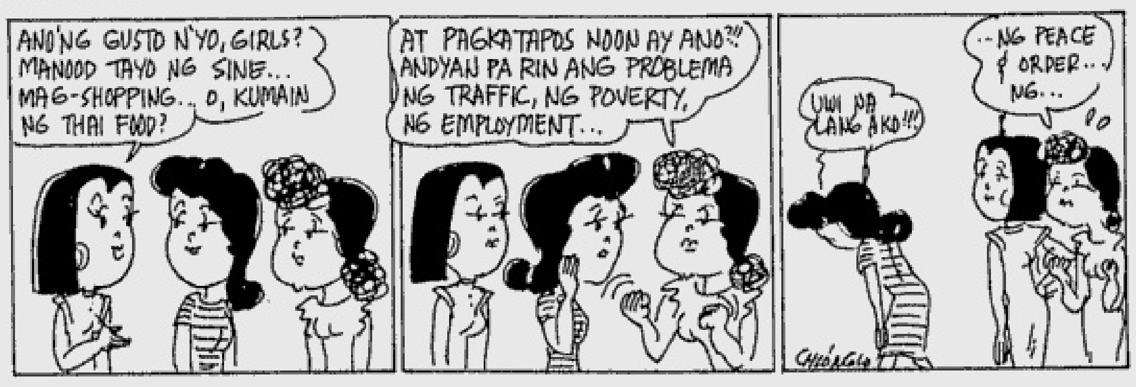
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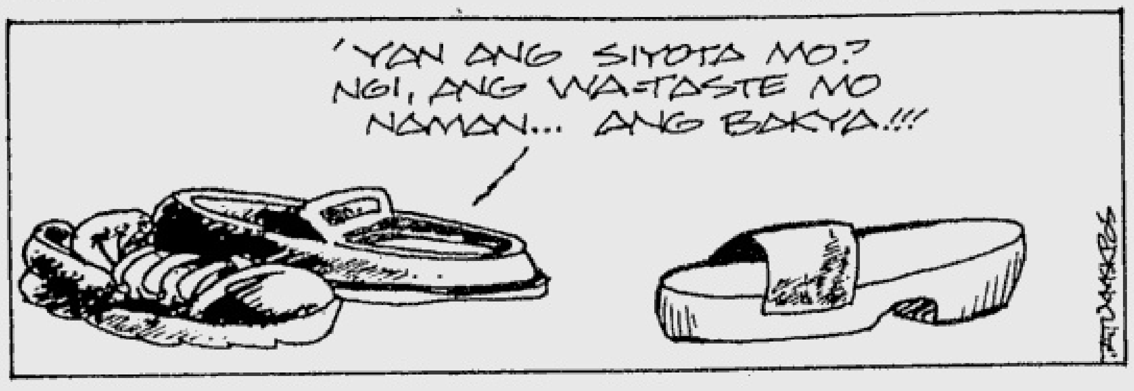
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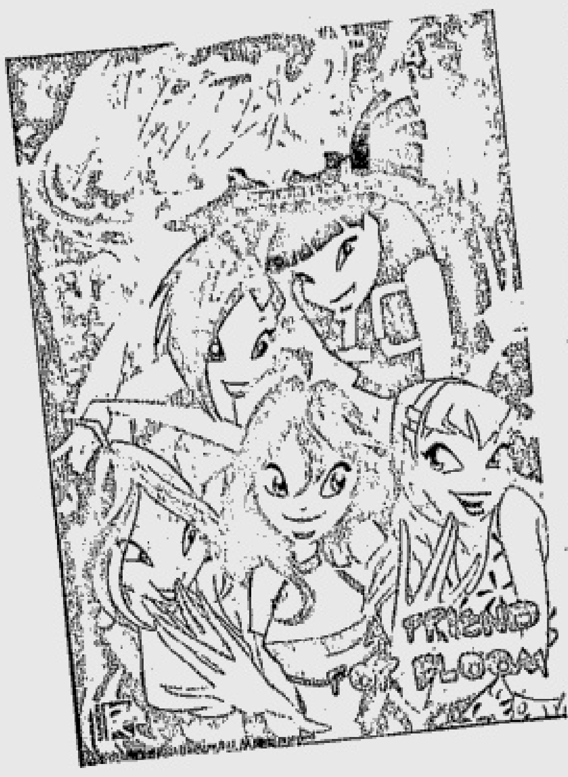

New issue of teen mag

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF WINX Club Magazine, a leading "'tween" comic-book magazine in Europe and America, is out.

Bloom reminisces with friends and fellow Winx Club members Stella, Flora, Tecna and Musa, on how she ended up in the fairy school Alfea.

Bloom, a human, meets the dimension-hopping fairy Stella at a park amid a battle against an ogre trying to steal her magic scepter.

Bloom tries to help her newfound friend and ends up discovering her own heretofore unknown powers.

With the knowledge of her uncanny abilities, Bloom cannot contemplate going back to her old, normal life, and Stella's invitation to become a fairy-in-training sounded like a wonderful prospect.

Bloom has just one problem to contend with: getting her parents' permission!

Winx Club is supported by a top-rated TV program on ABS-CBN and Cartoon Network.

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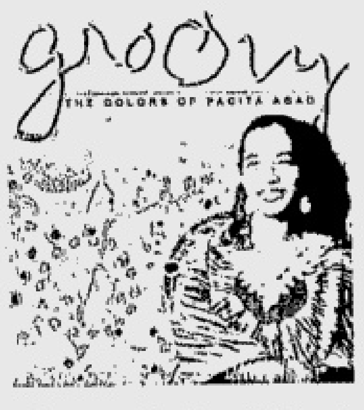
CCP video on Pacita Abad


groovy
THE COLORS OF PACITA ABAD

THE CULTURAL CENTER OF the Philippines announces the free public screening of "Groovy: The Colors of Pacita Abad," on Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m., at CCP Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino.

Directed by Milo Sugueco and produced by the CCP Media Committee in cooperation with Fundacion Pacita, the digital video features the life and art of internationally acclaimed Abad, who is now nominated for the National Artist Award. She died of lung cancer last year, after her homecoming exhibit at the CCP Main Gallery in September.

Sugueco is an independent filmmaker and photographer, who won the Grand Prize in the 2004 Gawad CCP for feature film. "Groovy" is available from the CCP Gift Shop in DVD format, with discounts for schools and libraries.

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The American writer first became widely known for "Tortilla Flat" (1935), a series of humorous stories about Monterey *paisanos*. Steinbeck's work can be classified as social novels dealing with the economic problems of rural labor.

Steinbeck moved on to more serious fiction that often showed aggressiveness in its social criticism. The novel "In Dubious Battle" (1936), which deals with the strikes of the migratory fruit pickers on California plantations, was followed by "Of Mice and Men" (1937), the story of the imbecile giant Lennie. He also has a series of admirable short stories collected in the volume "The Long Valley" (1938).

In 1939, Steinbeck published what is considered his best work, "The Grapes of Wrath," the story of Oklahoma tenant farmers who, unable to earn a living from the land, moved to California where they became migratory workers. His later novels include "East of Eden" (1952), "The Winter of Our Discontent" (1961) and "Travels with Charley" (1962), a travelogue in which Steinbeck wrote about his impressions during a three-month tour in a truck that led him through 40 American states. Steinbeck died in New York City in 1968.

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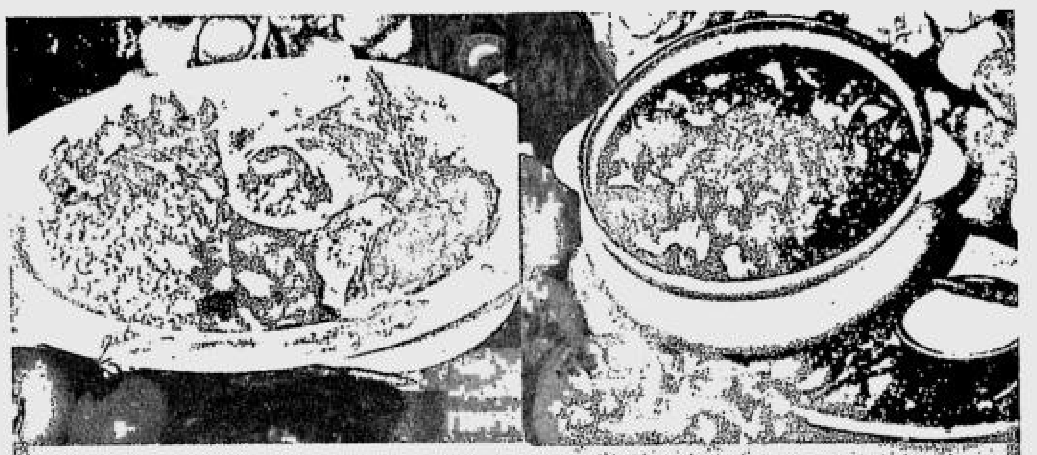

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Bombay's many-layered realities

PRIDE OF PLACE

Augusto F. Villalon

BOMBAY OVERWHELMED ME during my first morning there. That was when I realized the hidden rationale behind the midnight-to-dawn arrivals of all long-haul flights to India: They set you down softly and give some breathing space before Bombay overwhelms your senses.

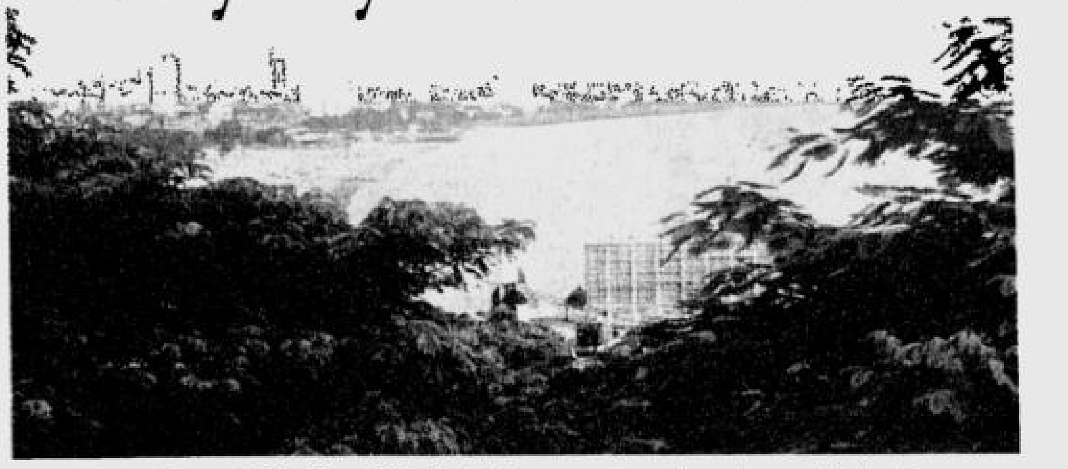
The one-hour drive from the airport to the sleeping city provided a quiet prelude to the incredible amount of human energy that would surge the instant morning broke in Bombay.

I looked at postcard-pretty Bombay from my hotel. The gateway to India stood imperially on the seaside embankment directly outside my window, its architecture massive but crisp under a flawless sky, a great travel poster vista.

Marine Drive swept in a broad crescent in front of me. Beside the shoreline, rows of palm trees shaded a broad promenade.

On the opposite side of the promenade stood a row of magnificent all-white Art Deco buildings. A perfect vista, just the way guidebooks showed Bombay off. When I walked Marine Drive a few days later, I saw that paint was peeling off walls and that the buildings were ragged at the edges. They were dowagers, but their good bone structure held them together with grace.

Strangely enough, the buildings' condition did not diminish the stunning structures in any way. Bombay teaches you to look behind the surface of things because when you do that, what you experience is far richer than what you see.



CALLED the "Queen's Necklace," Marine Drive presents a string of venerable Art Deco buildings as the boulevard stretches along the Bombay waterfront.

My first stop was at the Royal Bombay Yacht Club where things were as I expected. In the turreted stone building, properly colonial and definitely Victorian, rooms opened out to broad verandahs and seaside views. Portraits of His Excellency the President of India and Her Majesty the Queen prominently shared a wall in the main function room. Remembering Kipling, I thought that in India some realities never change.

Overlapping realities

What I still did not know was that in Bombay many realities exist side by side. One reality does not displace another. Realities overlap, occupy the same space, and because of that, Bombay reads like a novel whose subplots twist and turn, threatening but not succeeding to take over the story.

A typical Bombay street mixes decaying buildings of heritage quality with nondescript architecture and modern commercial establishments in an atmosphere of teeming humanity that walks the streets in many guises—executives and clerks, workers and the jobless, students and street children, hawkers and beggars.

Some walk because they have somewhere to go and things to do, others walk without having any purpose at all, and still others asleep on the sidewalk. People stand, stare, shout, hustle, gawk. Everything happens on the street.

The Bombay cityscape is the result of a progression of realities: ruled by Hindu kings in the second century, transferred to Islamic hands in the 14th-15th centuries, invaded by African Siddhis in the 15th century. Portugal stepped in during the 16th century, eventually handing Bombay over to King Charles II as the dowry of Princess Catherine of Braganza. So began British rule in the late 16th century.

The East India Company soon took over, developed Bombay into a maritime trading post and cotton textile center. The city has never stopped flourishing since the colonial period, through the post-independence period beginning in 1947, and today.

The way Bombay looks today reflects its checkered history. Splendid 2nd century Hindu relics survive in nearby Elephanta Island (a World Heritage Site) while today the stress of overpopulation is just at the point of crowding out holy precincts and ancient temples in the city.

Portuguese influence goes beyond the Santa Cruz quarter of Bombay, proven by the baroque churches scattered in other parts of the city.

British fortifications around the southern tip of Bombay were dismantled in the 1920s, but the area, still called the Fort, continues as commercial and government center of the modern city.

People in Bombay like saying that they have the world's largest collection of gothic revival buildings from the Victorian era surviving in their Fort. They may be indeed gothic in inspiration but they are Indian in reality.

The filigreed verticals, finials and slender turrets that leap London's landmark gothic revival Houses of Parliament skyward are replaced in Bombay by heavy, solid, earthbound forms reminiscent of Indian temples. And like some temples, practically every surface is carved with decorative details that deceptively appear gothic but really are folk Indian.

Gothic apogee

Victoria Terminus (a World Heritage Site) is the apogee of Bombay gothic. Pinnacled, turreted, domed, the building is a true Bombay gothic fantasy. Stone carving in a quantity that boggles the mind cover each façade of the structure, giving new meaning to gargoyles. Its centerpiece is a lofty cathedral hall lit by stained glass windows. Under the vaulted ceilings a crush of people queue in front of ticket booths. The deeper I went into Victoria Terminus, the thicker the unbelievable crush of people going to and from their trains.

The number of people who use Victoria Terminus each day equals the entire population of Sydney, I was told. An incredible number of people pack Bombay commuter trains past tolerable limits. The press of people jamming into trains is so bad that some cars are reserved exclusively for women.

On a day off from work, my colleagues and I planned to take a 20-minute train ride to Dadan, a busy commuter point. It was mid-morning, the rush hour had passed, but there were still enough people that as I shoved my way out the train, I feared being pushed back.

A different Bombay showed its face at Dadan. We went to an Iranian café, joined its regulars in dunking crusty, buttered bread into a cup of milk tea, before walking through a leafy neighborhood enclave built by a wealthy Parsi for the less-fortunate members of his community who, like his ancestors, fled Persia for India to continue practicing Zoroastrianism rather than being forced to convert to Islam.

Taking back the train to Churchgate Station brought me to a different area of the Fort, the Art Deco district that opened up after the fortifications were dismantled in the 1920s.

On either side of the Oval Maidan, a large green space, a row of splendid Art Deco buildings faced an outstanding row of Victorian buildings, setting up a visual dialogue that speaks of two eras in Bombay history.

Histories of different eras, old and new, sacred and profane, coexist in Bombay. Humanity is the constant that binds the different realities of Bombay. The spectrum of humanity in Bombay covers all levels, which have found a way to coexist in the city.

A megacity operating on multilevels, kinetic Bombay is stretched to new limits each day. The city is complex and a challenge to understand but fascinating beyond expectation.

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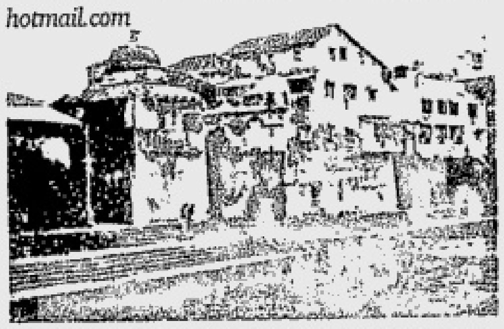
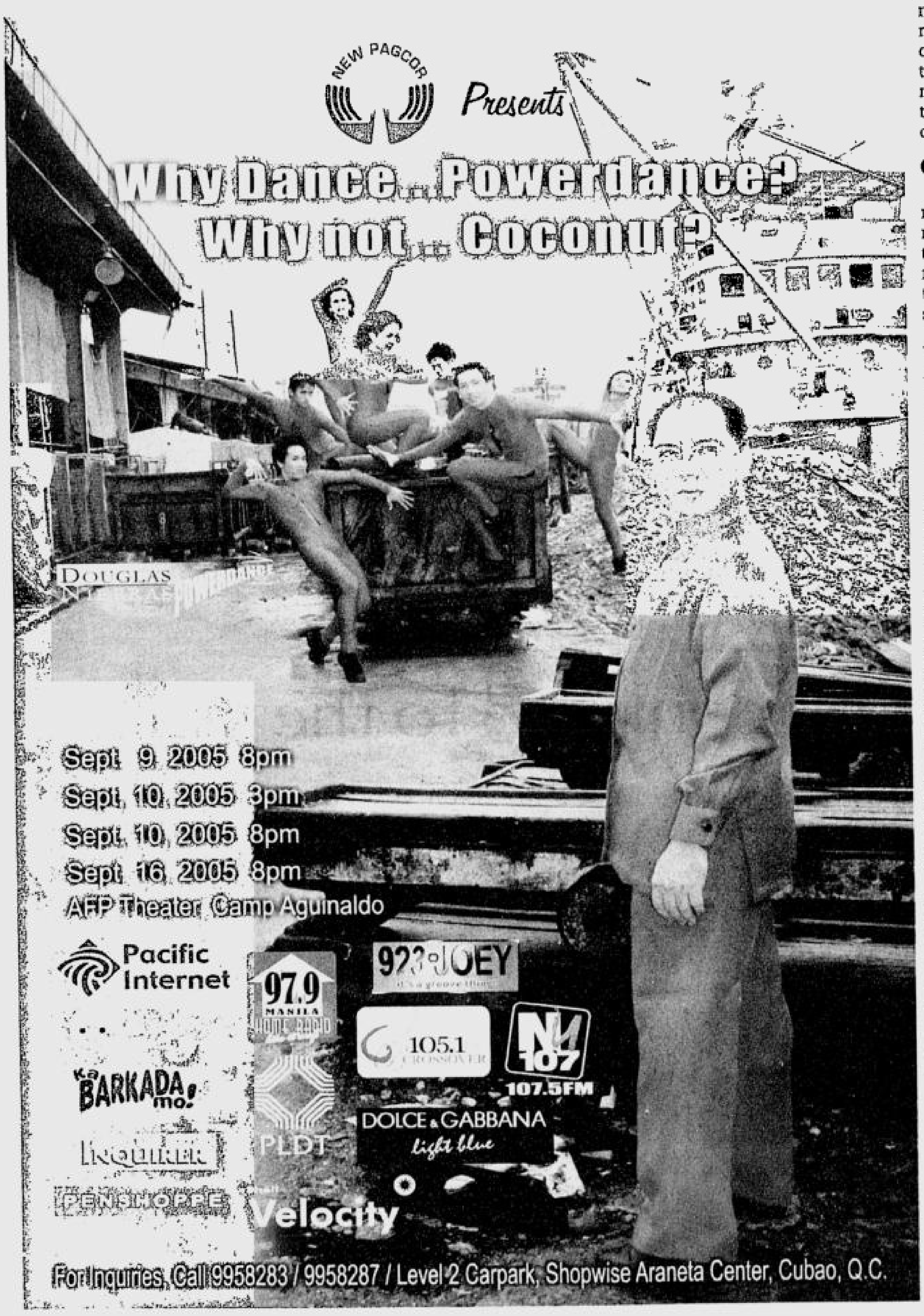


RELATIVE peace in the Bombay train before the rush-hour crush of humanity elbows its way into the crowded cars.



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Appointment to PNP No. 4 post withheld

By Luige A. del Puerto

MALACAÑANG HAS WITHHELD THE appointment of a police official to a key office in Camp Crame although he was the choice of the chief of the Philippine National Police, ranking officers said yesterday.

The head of a PNP unit confirmed that Direc-

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By Armand N. Nocum

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Vidal accuses media of dividing Church

UN mission gives GMA only brief respite—FVR

By Volt Contreras and Christine O. Avendaño

TOUTED AS THE FIRST WOMan leader to preside over a UN Security Council meeting, President Macapagal-Arroyo headed for New York last night, while the man credited with ensuring her political survival sounded unconvinced she could now rest easy.

In the words of ex-President Fidel V. Ramos, Ms Arroyo had "survived—for the time being—a determined impeachment attempt" by the opposition.

Ramos said in a speech that the trip to the United Nations "will provide a temporary respite for the beleaguered Philippine president, even as she must still prove her capacity to lead the government in pursuing the critical reforms to reduce poverty, enhance education, reverse environmental degradation, [and] combat endemic diseases ..."

Ramos referred to Ms Arroyo's situation in his speech opening yesterday's launch in Manila of the 2005 Human Development

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RP youths join 9/11 rites in NY

By Michael Lim Ubac

NEW YORK—WITH PRAYERS and songs, Filipino youths joined America and the rest of the world in marking the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, in a candlelight ceremony at Ground Zero.

As two light beams representing the destroyed twin towers shot skyward, Michael Zablan and 30 other members of the World Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles-Philippines (CARP) held candles along with peace ambassadors from all over the world during the Sunday night (Monday morning in Manila) ceremony.

They had converged on the Big Apple on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the United Nations with only one goal—to help achieve world peace.

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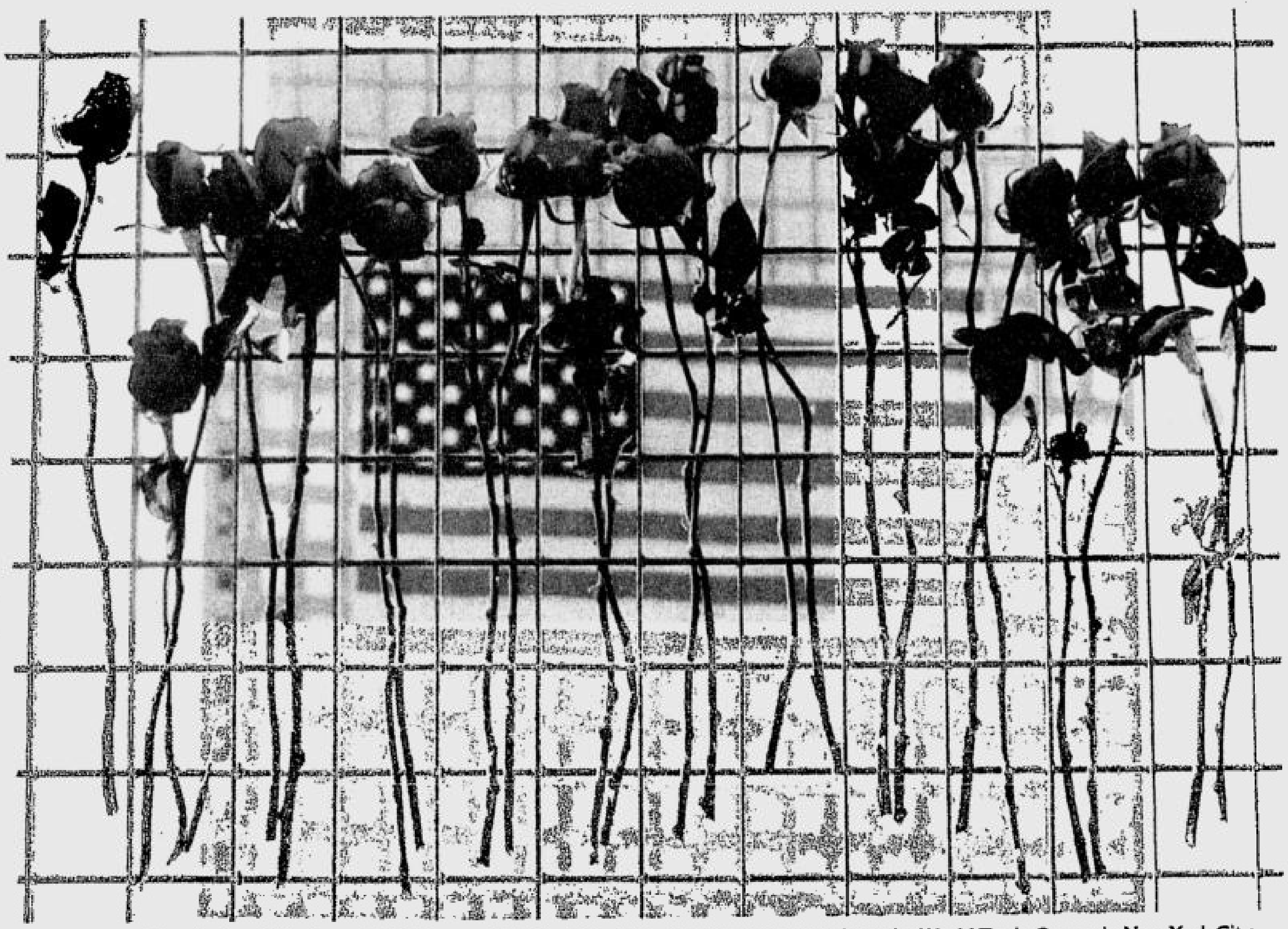

RELATIVES of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack that killed thousands of people at the World Trade Center in New York City offer flowers during commemoration rites at Ground Zero.

EDWIN BACASMAS

CBCP council to meet today

By Christian V. Esguerra

LIPA CITY—THE INfluential archbishop of Cebu yesterday dismissed suggestions the worst political crisis to engulf President Macapagal-Arroyo had divided the Philippine Catholic Church hierarchy and accused media of fomenting dissension among the prelates.

"It's the media that are dividing us," Ricardo Cardinal Vidal told reporters. "You make it appear as though there's infighting among us when there is none."

Vidal urged the media to report only the truth and ignore speculations.

The country's lone active cardinal appeared disturbed by a recent INQUIRER report identifying him as among several bishops who had received hefty cash donations from the state-owned Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor).

Vidal, who is usually low-key, and two other bishops had admitted receiving Pagcor money but stressed it went to projects for the poor. This is a practice officially frowned upon by the Church hierarchy and denounced by some prelates.

Vidal yesterday led a pilgrimage to Lipa City in Batangas, focal point of the National Day of Prayer for Reparation, Conversion and Con-

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ENERGY CRISIS

Consumers learn ways to stretch budgets

By PDI Staff and PDI Bureaus

(Last of two parts)

MINA MARTE, A YOUNG MOTHer in Lipa City in Batangas, has given up convenience for the sake of austerity. She used to use a rice cooker and turbo broiler almost every day for easy cooking. Now, she just uses a gas stove.

"We realized that the rice cooker and broiler ate up so much electricity," she says.

She also adds that she has stopped stuffing her grocery cart with diapers and milk without bothering to check their prices. "I have now started to compare prices of other brands."

Her husband has started taking alternate routes to work in Makati City and has limited his use of the Skyway.

Her husband shells out P170 when plying the highway, but when taking ordinary routes, he pays only P50. "He just wakes up early so he could get to work on time using the ordinary route," Marte said.

SPECIAL REPORT
Project Editor
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In Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, Dr. Natividad Araneta, registrar of Saint Mary's University, says the crisis has forced her to be thrifty and to minimize the use of her air conditioner and other electrical appliances.

"But I have become healthier because I now have to walk in going to the office, instead of taking public transport," she says.

Cecilia Yacob, chief of the Bulacan public affairs office, says she and her children now commute or walk instead of using their car. The money saved goes to food and other school needs of her children.

Santiago Manalili, a driver in Mexico, Pampanga, struggles to make ends meet with his earnings of around P300 daily for his wife and seven children. For each meal now, the usual three

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RP stage talents migrate to Hong Kong Disneyland

THE PHILIPPINES' Lea Salonga (right) and Hong Kong's Coco Lee perform at Hong Kong's Disneyland Park.

AP

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Entertainment

LEA SALONGA WAS NOT THE only Filipino talent at yesterday's opening of Hong Kong Disneyland.

Singer Jinky Llamanzares performed onstage, while local theater stalwart Bobby Garcia worked backstage as "director for shows" at the theme park.

Salonga, best known for her performance in the Broadway show "Miss Saigon," is the singing voice behind Disney animated characters Mulan and Princess Jasmine in "Aladdin."

Llamanzares played Gigi in the Toronto production of "Miss Saigon," while the Fordham-trained Garcia directed "Rent" in Manila and Singapore.

There are other Filipinos helping Mickey and the gang create magic for Hong Kong Disneyland guests. They work as character performers, playing Disney icons Cinderella and Snow White. They're also singers, dancers and musicians.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) pegged the number of Filipino artists recruited by Hong Kong Disneyland at 116.

In an interview with the INQUIRER, Doug Miller, executive vice president and managing director of Walt Disney International (Asia Pacific) said: "We've hired about 5,000 to 6,000 people from Asia. Among [the new recruits], quite a few are from the Philippines. Visitors will see a lot of Asian faces at the park."

Hong Kong Disneyland is the 11th in its global empire and the smallest at 40 hectares. Aside

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CHINESE and Walt Disney Co. officials attend the opening ceremony for Hong Kong Disneyland, bringing a slice of the Magic Kingdom to the Middle Kingdom.

REUTERS

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FORECAST: Visayas and Mindanao will be mostly cloudy with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. Luzon will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.
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Subic car imports row still sizzles

By TJ Burgonio

SO ARE IMPORTED USED right-hand drive vehicles allowed into Subic Bay or not?

Contrary to its recent claims, Malacañang had directed the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority and other government agencies concerned to comply with court rulings allowing the importation of used right-hand drive (RHD) vehicles into the free port.

Merceditas Gutierrez, chief presidential legal counsel, and Joe Nathan Tenefrancia, senior deputy executive secretary for legal affairs, admitted this much in a Sept. 8 memorandum to President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Earlier, the President had issued Executive Order No. 156 banning the importation of used vehicles into the country, including the free ports.

This was hailed by various sectors, particularly the local automotive industry, environmental groups and Sen. Richard Gordon, who said the EO would end the smuggling of used vehicles into Subic.

In their memo to the President, Gutierrez and Tenefrancia said that on March 10, 2004, the Olongapo City Regional Trial Court had ruled in favor of a petition declaring EO 156 unconstitutional and illegal.

The court also ordered the SBMA chair and its customs collector to allow the importation of used vehicles, and the Land Transportation Office to register such vehicles, they said.

The Office of the Solicitor General appealed the case but the Court of Appeals issued a ruling on Feb. 14 this year affirming the lower court's decision. The OSG filed a motion for reconsideration on March 16, but this was denied.

The OSG next filed a petition for review on certiorari with the Supreme Court, where the case is pending.

In view of this, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita directed the SBMA, the departments of trade and finance, the customs bureau and the LTO to comply with the RTC ruling and allow the importation of used vehicles into Subic "until final disposition of the matter" by the Supreme Court, Gutierrez and Tenefrancia said.

Gordon then threatened to break his ties with the President, charging that she had allowed the importation of used vehicles after intense lobbying by the political Magsaysay family of Zambales which supposedly had an interest in a used car import firm.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye denied Gordon's claim, insisting Malacañang had no plans to revoke the EO. The Magsaysays, for their part, scoffed at the accusation they had lobbied for the memorandum's revocation.

Gordon had charged the EO was revoked in exchange for Rep. Eulogio Magsaysay's withdrawal of his signature from the impeachment complaint against the President, a charge the congressman has denied.

"Now, this is an opinion that the SBMA should allow the entry of motorized vehicles," Gordon said of Gutierrez's and Tenefrancia's memorandum to the President.

"So what are they saying that this isn't going to be implemented? What are they saying that those cars aren't going to be moved into Subic?" he said.

An ex-government official, meanwhile, with former ties to Subic said yesterday the used RHD vehicles imported into the country were nothing but junk that contributed little to the government in duties and taxes.

In an interview over radio dzMM, former Customs Commissioner Bert Lina said the government should stick by its laws banning the importation of RHD vehicles.

"The issue really is there is a law on the right-hand drive. There is a law, I should implement it," Lina said.

Prior to heading the customs bureau, Lina was chair of FedEx-Air21, an air cargo forwarder based in Subic.

He said the duties generated by the RHD importations were "not so big." Besides, the RHD vehicles were deemed to be junk and dangerous to safety and the environment, he added. *With Armand N. Nocum*

TRANSPORT STRIKE

Most rode, some walked

MILITANT TRANSPORT groups in Southern Tagalog failed to paralyze public transportation in the region during yesterday's nationally coordinated transport strike.*(Related story on Page A15)*

Rolando Mingo, Southern Tagalog Region Transport Sector Organization (Starter) chair, said as of 2 p.m., only 50-60 percent of jeepney groups in the region had joined the call to abandon their routes in protest over the unabated hike in fuel prices and the inability of the government to protect the public from the oil companies taking advantage of the world oil price crisis.

A reason for the low turnout of strikers, Mingo said, may have been "groups not allied with Starter or Piston who decided not to join us."

He, however, claimed the strike which started as early as 3 a.m. had crippled 100 percent of public transport in San Pablo City and Lemery, Batangas.

The INQUIRER gathered that public transportation in Laguna was not affected by the strike.

A driver in Pangil appeared to speak for others when he said he could not afford to lose a day's income.

"We will just be adding headaches to the people and worsen their miseries if we strike," he said, adding, "We should go directly to the government officials concerned instead of halting transport."

Drivers in Quezon also did not join the strike. Arsenio Monteverde, president of the Jeepney Transport Coalition of the Philippines-Quezon chapter, said his group decided not to strike "because we believe this is not the time to repeal the Oil Deregulation Law."

He said his group did not also believe in demanding President Macapagal-Arroyo's resignation from office because of the oil price hikes and the controversies hounding her administration.

"Most of all, we do not want to disturb the peace of the transport sector in Quezon, especially the commuting public," he said.

Traffic was reported normal in Palawan and Batangas. Transport was totally paralyzed in the Sorsogon, however.

The police and military reported no untoward incidents during the strike. Both provided free rides to stranded commuters.

In Camarines Sur, transport leaders respected the feast of Bicol's patroness, Nuestra Señora de Peñafrancia, and did not strike.

But the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng Tsuper at Operator Nationwide (Piston) reported crippling public transport in three Central Luzon provinces.

Philippine National Police directors in the provinces, however, in separate reports, refuted Piston's claim.

Val Espinosa, Piston regional coordinator, said drivers had almost totally stopped servicing routes in Bulacan and Pampanga. He said the strike was 85-percent successful in Tarlac and Pangasinan.

Roman Polintan, Bagong Alyansang Makabayan regional chair, said a police SWAT team harassed some activists helping drivers in Urdaneta City.

Police directors in Aurora, Bataan, Nueva Ecija and Zambales said the provinces were "not affected" by the protest.

Classes in many schools in Iloilo, Antique, Aklan and Negros Occidental were suspended because of the strike.

In Iloilo city and province, about 90 percent of drivers joined the strike. Van and tricycle drivers also stopped plying their routes.

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RP maid charged with murder of pal

By Jerome Aning and Volt Contreras

FILIPINO DOMESTIC HELPER Guen Garlejo Aguilar, 29, has been charged with the murder of Jane Parangan-La Puebla, 26, another Filipino maid working in Singapore, a Singapore newspaper reported yesterday.

Aguilar is alleged to have killed La Puebla in the home of Aguilar's employer last Wednesday, before chopping up her body and disposing of it in bags, The Straits Times reported.

The Department of Foreign Affairs yesterday said it has hired Singaporean lawyers to represent both the slain La Puebla and her suspected murderer, compatriot Guen Aguilar.

Philippine Ambassador to Singapore Belen Anota was allowed to see the detained Aguilar on Saturday but was prohibited by police investigators from asking about her motive and other details of the gruesome killings, DFA spokesman Gilberto Asuque said in a briefing.

A handsome Singaporean taxicab driver was reportedly the cause of the quarrel between the two Filipina domestics, according to an official of the Department of Labor and Employment.

"There was no motive mentioned in the hearing but the information that reached us was that there was a love-triangle; they quarreled over a fair-looking Singaporean cabbie," the official said.

Both the suspect and the victim, described by news reports as "close as sisters," are married, their husbands living in the Philippines.

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said the department was still waiting for an official report from the prosecution and defense sides on why La Puebla was murdered.

Undersecretary for Employment Danilo Cruz confirmed that La Puebla was not listed with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration. This means she would not be entitled to benefits such as insurance, free burial and scholarship for her children.

Migrante chair Connie Bragas-Regalado expressed alarm that the case had "the makings of another Flor Contemplacion who was hanged for the murder of fellow maid Delia Maga." *With AP*

Suspect more concerned with condition of sick son

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY – Although she could be hanged for her alleged crime, Guen Garlejo Aguilar's first concern was to check up on her sick son.

Guen, who has been charged by a Singaporean court on Sunday with the murder of compatriot Jane Parangan-La Puebla, requested Filipino officials to visit her son.

Marco Antonio Liwag, Region 1 deputy director of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, yesterday led a team of labor officials to Barangay Baragbag in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur.

Aguilar was earlier reported to be a Baguio resident, but she had since left her birthplace to join husband Edwin to raise Mark Angelo, 7, and Mark Edwin, 6, who was suffering from a fever.

Liwag said Guen and Edwin live in a 20-square-meter shack, a kilometer from the Tagudin highway. This was a farming community, whose neighbors were used to seeing Edwin bring his children to school each day.

But yesterday, Barangay Baragbag was a community in shock, Liwag said.

All of Guen's and Edwin's family members and friends have been converging at the Aguilar home since her arrest. They expressed their dismay with Singaporean authorities for accusing Guen of murdering and dismembering her best friend, Jane, on Sept. 8.

"We all want to see her. We want to make sure she is not hurting. I last spoke to her on Aug. 20 and she never mentioned having any problem," Edwin said in a telephone interview.

"She also sent me a text message at 7 p.m. on Sept. 9. She just asked about the children… She was arrested at 12:45 a.m. on Sept. 10. How can they accuse her?" he said in Filipino.

Guen was born here 29 years ago, and took hotel and restaurant management courses at the University of Baguio before she and Edwin decided to settle down in Ilocos Sur.

Edwin said he never finished high school and earned a living driving tricycles.

OVERTAKEN BY SAMOA

RP No. 84 in UN quality of life study

By Volt C. Contreras

NOW "OVERTAKEN" EVEN BY tiny Samoa, the Philippines ranks No. 84 in the latest United Nations-sponsored study that measures the quality of life in 177 states and territories.

The country lags behind its Southeast Asian neighbors Malaysia (No. 61) and Thailand (73) but is ahead of Vietnam (108) and Indonesia (110), in the 2005 Human Development Index report of the UN Development Program.

Released yesterday, the HDI report considers three main factors in the rankings: the life expectancy of a country's citizens, their literacy, and their capacity to attain a decent standard of living with their income.

Norway is on top of the annual listing while the African nation of Niger is at the bottom at No. 177. The United States is at No. 10. Japan is at No. 11, the only Asian country in the European-dominated Top 20.

UNDP's Manila office noted that the Philippines has been overtaken by the Pacific island state of Samoa, which landed at 74.

On a surprising note, Asian powerhouse China is still one notch below the Philippines at 85, though it made a big leap from 94 last year, the agency said in a statement. India, another fast rising Asian economic giant, is even far behind at 127.

The 2005 report was based on indicators from 2003.

The Philippines ranked No. 83 in last year's report. Though falling by a slot this year, it remains within the "medium development bracket" along with most Asian countries.

Explaining the slide, Dr. Arsenio Balisacan, part of the team that collected data on the Philippines for the study, said "many of our neighbors have moved ahead and done very well compared to us."

"It is very disappointing to say the least, considering that we have the basic ingredients and potentially useful resources such as our human capital," said Balisacan, president of the Human Development Network.

"At the end of the day it's all about governance and national leadership, whom we elected to lead us," he told reporters at yesterday's presentation at the Asian Institute of Management.

The HDI rankings for the Asia-Pacific countries are: Japan (11), Hong Kong (22), Singapore (25), South Korea (28), Brunei (33), Malaysia (61), Thailand (73), Samoa (74), Philippines (84), China (85), Vietnam (108), Indonesia (110), India (127), Cambodia (130), Lao (133), Pakistan (134), Papua New Guinea (137), Bangladesh (139), and Timor Leste (140).

The overall Top 10 are (in descending order) Norway, Iceland, Australia, Luxembourg, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, Ireland, Belgium and the US.

PCGG confident Imelda won't sue

By Alcuin Papa

THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON GOOD Government (PCGG) yesterday said it was confident former First Lady Imelda Marcos would not pursue legal action to block the sale of her infamous jewelry collection.

Marcos had told two wire agencies in separate interviews she was going to court to stop the government from auctioning off the jewelry in November or May next year.

"Our lawyers are sending notices to Christie's, Sotheby's and all these international auction houses because this placement can't be sold," Marcos, 76, told AFP in an interview.

"They would be endangering their clients and buyers," she added, without elaborating.

Interviewed by The Associated Press, Marcos said, "I'm filing a case in Manila for the PCGG to stop the sale."

"Some of this jewelry are heirlooms of my family. I have not been convicted of corruption anywhere," she said.

The gems were seized by the government shortly after Marcos and her husband, the dictator Ferdinand Marcos, were forced to flee the country in 1986 ahead of the people power coup that ended their 21-year reign.

PCGG Commissioner Ricardo Abcede, at a press conference yesterday, urged Marcos not to contest the auction if she was really "pro-poor," since the beneficiaries of the estimated $10-million value of the jewels would be poor farmers under the land reform law.

"I am confident Mrs. Marcos would not pursue the plan suggested by her lawyers to prevent the sale of the jewelry. She has always been saying that she is pro-poor," Abcede said.

Abcede pointed out the cases involving the jewelry—consisting of the so-called Roumeliotes collection seized in 1986 from Greek national Demetrious Roumeliotes, the Honolulu collection and the Malacañang collection which was left behind when the Marcoses fled the country—had all been decided with finality by the courts in favor of the government.

FORMER First Lady Imelda Marcos gestures as she briefs the press during a visit to her late husband's home province in Laoag, Ilocos Norte, Monday. She has threatened to sue international auction houses if they took part in the planned auction of her jewelry that she says were illegally seized by the government in 1986. AFP PHOTO

In the Roumeliotes case, its forfeiture was brought all the way to the Supreme Court which decided in favor of the government.

The Honolulu collection, which was seized by United States Customs officials when the Marcoses landed in Hawaii, was the subject of an antiracketeering law case filed in the US. Abcede said Marcos had signed an agreement turning over the collection to the government.

Finally, the Malacañang collection was also forfeited in favor of the government. "The decisions in these cases were final and executory," Abcede said.

He said the Roumeliotes jewels comprised 90 percent of the Marcos collection, with its most prominent piece being a 37-carat diamond.

But Abcede said that if Marcos went ahead and blocked the sale, the PCGG was ready to go to court.

"We hope there will be no more legal impediments to the sale of the jewelry. But in this country, anyone can file anything. If this is the case, the PCGG will respond legally," he said.

He said gemologists from Sotheby's and Christie's were set to arrive this week to appraise the jewels, which are in storage in Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas vaults.

Once the appraisal is finished, a PCGG committee will sit down with the auction houses to thresh out the mechanics of the sale.

Abcede said the PCGG hoped to conduct the auction in November in Geneva, Switzerland, November being the peak season in the auction world. *With AP, AFP reports*

GMA men approached us for FM burial—Imee

By Philip C. Tubeza

IT WAS ADMINISTRATION emissaries who approached former First Lady Imelda Marcos and "floated" the idea of burying her husband at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos confirmed yesterday.

But the younger Marcos said she personally did not know if there was a deal between her mother and the administration, adding that she was not part of the talks.

She explained that she was absent from the crucial House vote last week on the impeachment complaint against President Macapagal-Arroyo because she wanted to avoid a public spat with her mother, who asked her to "help GMA since (the former First Lady) was pro-administration."

She denied insinuations that her absence was part of a quid pro quo with the administration for a hero's burial for her father, the late President Ferdinand Marcos.

"*Wala akong naririnig na ganung paliwanag. Yung akin lang yung sinasabi ng nanay ko na tulungan si* GMA *dahil* pro-admin *nga siya* (I didn't hear such an explanation. What I have is what my mother said, which is to help GMA since she was pro-administration)," Marcos said.

"*Sa pagkarinig ko lamang, may nakikiusap sa nanay ko tungkol sa libing ng tatay ko. Eh yun yata ang pinag-usapan nila subalit hindi ko alam kung ano yung kasunduan.* (What I heard was that there were people who were asking her about my father's burial. I think that was what they discussed but I don't know what the agreement is)," she said.

Marcos made these statements yesterday before a meeting with proimpeachment lawmakers at Italianni's restaurant in SM Megamall. The meeting was held for Marcos and the other absentees from last week's vote to explain their absence to their colleagues.

After their two-and-a-half-hour meeting, minority members decided to postpone their decision on whether to sanction Marcos and the other absent congressmen, pending the formal inclusion of other proimpeachment lawmakers into the minority camp.

Gov't-Moro rebels peace talks to resume this week

INFORMAL TALKS TO END A Moro separatist rebellion in the South are due to resume in Kuala Lumpur this week, government and rebel officials said yesterday.

Negotiations on a proposed Moro ancestral homeland in Mindanao stalled for about two months while President Macapagal-Arroyo faced a political crisis over allegations she cheated in last year's election.

"There will be exploratory talks in Malaysia on the 15th," an Army official told Reuters after a ceasefire meeting between the government and rebel panels in Cotabato City.

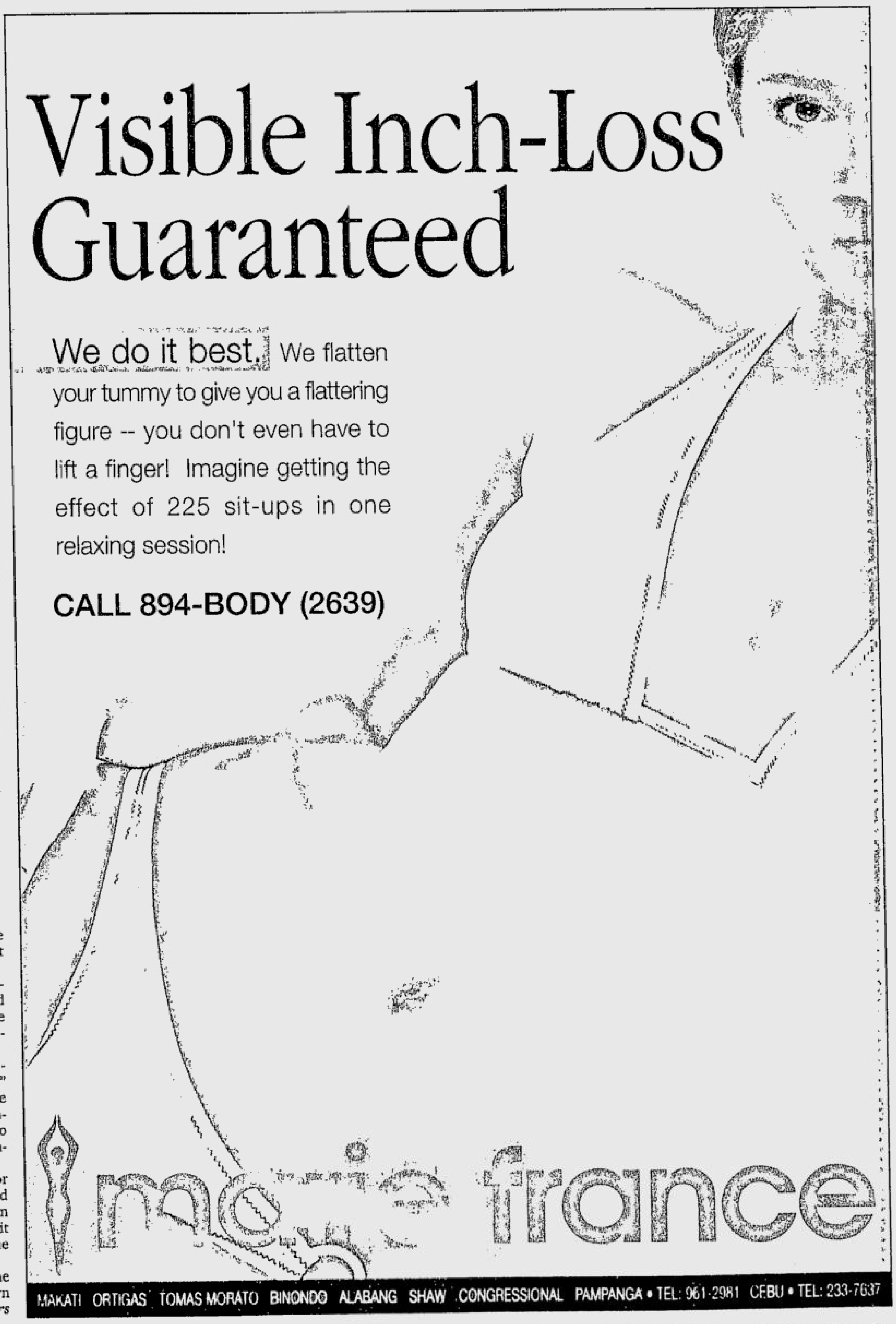
"It's moving. Everybody is upbeat about the peace process." The separatist conflict with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and three other Muslim rebel groups has killed at least 120,000 people since the late 1960s and stunted development of the resource-rich island.

A civilian official and a member of the government panel said a deal with the MILF might be ready by November if negotiations went smoothly.

"All issues are almost addressed to mutual satisfaction." the official, who declined to be named, told Reuters. "Our impression was that the MILF also wanted to conclude the negotiations as soon as possible."

Eid Kabalu, a spokesperson for the MILF, said informal talks had been scheduled in the Malaysian capital but the rebels would wait for Kuala Lumpur to confirm the date.

"What is important was the two sides had agreed to sit down again," Kabalu said. *Reuters*



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Asked by reporters to expound, Ramos said the observation was not his alone.

"Of course, we are saying it. Who are saying it? The Philippine Stock Exchange. Why? The index keeps moving like this," he said, using his index finger to draw a jagged, imaginary graph in the air to convey stock market fluctuations.

Poverty is the spark

"Why? Because there are still street protests, indicating lack of predictable or long-term stability in this country," he said, adding that the mass actions continued to be a "disincentive to investors."

But Ramos conceded that there was still "no national outrage" and "no spark" to trigger a "people power" uprising against Ms Arroyo.

What could that spark be?

"Nationwide poverty—as being described here," Ramos said, referring to the UNDP report which ranked the Philippines No. 84 out of 177 countries in terms of life expectancy, literacy and living standard. *(See story on Page A3)*

"If that further deteriorates ... then that's the time," he said.

Ramos has stood by the President amid calls for her resignation in the wake of the "Hello Garci" scandal dealing with her supposed involvement in electoral fraud.

His decision to rush to Ms Arroyo's side on July 8 after some of her key secretaries and former President Corazon Aquino had asked her to resign was seen by many as a major factor which enabled her to hang on to power.

Ms Arroyo was expected to leave for the United States at 10:30 last night on Philippine Airlines flight PR 104.

Sendoff with bang

An airport source told the INQUIRER that Malacañang had booked four first-class seats, six business class seats and 24 economy seats for Ms Arroyo's entourage.

The Boeing 747-400 has a total seating capacity of 441. Another source said last night's flight was not fully booked because of the lean season.

PR 104 is a 12-hour direct flight to San Francisco and is expected to arrive there at 7 p.m. Monday night (10 a.m. Tuesday, Manila time).

From San Francisco, Ms Arroyo and her entourage will take a chartered flight to New York City.

Militant groups sent off Ms Arroyo with a bang.

Bringing with them empty kitchen pots and pans, the Kilusan Para sa Makatarungang Lipunan at Gobyerno (KMLG) and the Kabataan Kontra Kahirapan (KKK) held a noise barrage at noon at the gates of Nayong Pilipino.

'Only lies'

"[Ms Arroyo] is a fake president, therefore, she is a fake representative to the UN," the KMLG's Joy Reyes said during the rally.

Reyes claimed Ms Arroyo had no right to represent the Philippines at the summit as she would only speak of lies about the country's situation.

"Our pots are empty, we are hungry. Our country is drowning in debt so GMA give up your post," the groups sang in Filipino, banging the pots and pans to stress their point.

Vice President Noli de Castro, the designated government caretaker, said he would not stifle protests against Ms Arroyo while she was away as long as these were peaceful and did not cause any traffic problems.

Asked if he enjoyed being acting President, De Castro said wryly, "In this time of trouble in our country, would you have time to enjoy?"

The military and the national police have placed their forces on full alert while Ms Arroyo is abroad.

Fighting terror

Ms Arroyo will be the first Filipino leader, the first Asian head of state and the first woman leader to preside over a summit of the Security Council, Malacañang said.

In a televised program, the President stressed the importance of the role of the UN Security Council in the fight against terrorism.

She said Filipino diplomats had already sent the country's "draft intervention" in the fight against terrorism and they were negotiating for its inclusion in a UN declaration.

Department of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Bert Asuque said the Philippine delegation would propose "innovative measures" to address the terrorism issue.

Ms Arroyo also intended to seek the cooperation of other nations on how to alleviate the plight of the poor who would be the worst hit by the energy crisis, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said.

He said this was on the agenda of the President's trip which will be marked by meetings at the United Nations with other heads of state.

Ms Arroyo is expected to be back home on Sept. 17. *With reports from Nikko Dizon, Jocelyn R. Uy and Cynthia D. Balana*

Correction

IN THE SEPT. 8 ISSUE, A front-page story—"Where are they now? Imee Marcos, 2 others"—misstated the province Imee Marcos represents in Congress. She represents a congressional district in Ilocos Norte—not Ilocos Sur.

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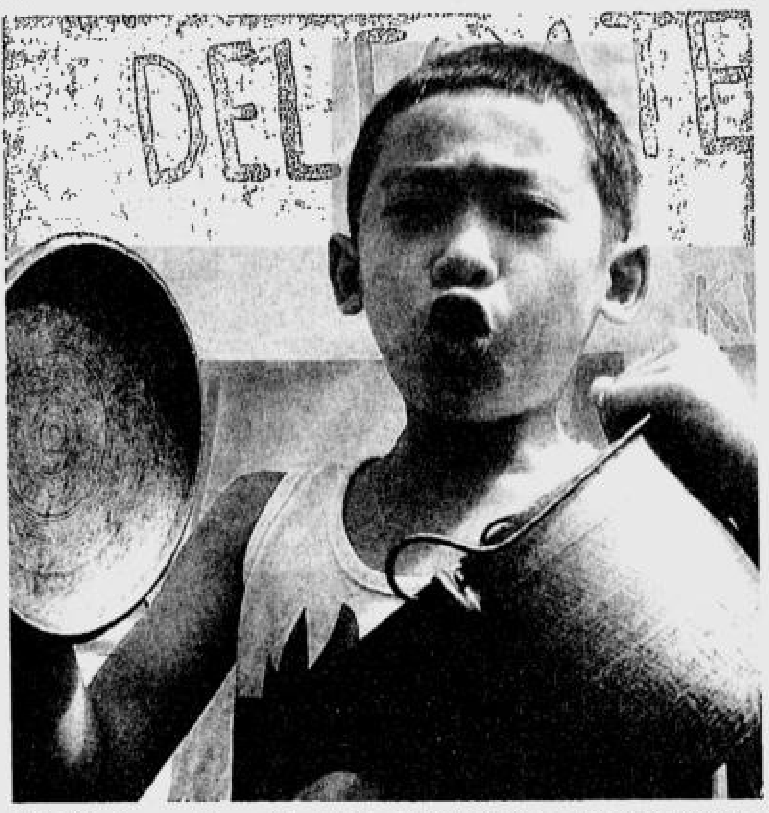

A BOY joins members of the Global Call to Action against Poverty in a rally on Airport Road in Parañaque City to denounce President Macapagal-Arroyo's representation of the country at the UN Millennium Summit in New York.

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RP youths join 9/11 rites in NY

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Zablan and his group joined some 300 participants in a week-long ecumenical and international conference in Manhattan to discuss ways of reaching that goal.

After an hour of meditation and sharing at Ground Zero, the peace advocates were led in prayer by religious leaders from the Christian, Catholic, Muslim, Jewish and Hindu faiths.

Hallowed ground

Tourists and passersby huddled around them as they prayed aloud and sang religious songs on a patch of land now considered hallowed ground.

It was on that ground four years ago that the WTC twin towers collapsed after planes hijacked by extremists slammed into the buildings, killing 2,749 people.

The conference is sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace. Its founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, wants to make religious leaders permanent members of the United Nations to put a stop to endless religious wars around the world.

The diverse group of 350 leaders from 125 countries is expected to formalize today the charter of the Universal Peace Federation, a global body for the resolution of conflicts.

Fil-Ams also died here

Conference participants will also network with heads of state and parliamentary speakers, including President Macapagal-Arroyo and Speaker Jose de Venecia, who will be in the city for the opening of the 60th UN General Assembly.

"We had to raise money just to get here and be one with the world in commemorating a tragic moment in history," said Zablan who has been with World CARP since 1981 to promote peace among Filipino Muslims and Christians.

While staring at the pictures, flowers and commemorative items hanging from a steel wall enclosing the site where the once mighty towers had stood, Zablan said Filipinos should not forget that Filipino-Americans also died here along with those of two dozen other nationalities.

Distant dream

"This tragedy is in a sense our tragedy," he said. "Until we learn to respect life, work for peace and love another, the quest for a better world will always be a distant dream."

Zablan said that although the "Tribute in Light" would fade at dawn, the lessons of the worst terror attack on American soil would continue to inspire all nations of divergent creeds and beliefs to work together as one to preserve the sanctity of life.

Early in the day, a Muslim scholar led a moment of prayer and meditation in Manhattan.

Hamdi Mohammad Murad of the Jordanian Interfaith Co-Existence Research Center said the 9-11 attacks were not just an American tragedy "but a human tragedy."

"On this day, we remember that day and that moment," he said.

Names of the dead

Weeping relatives also marked the day with prayers, flowers and messages to their dead loved ones.

In a four-hour ceremony, more than 600 relatives read out the names of the 2,749 victims.

The solemn ritual included a minute of silence at 8:46 a.m., the time the first plane struck the WTC. The second plane crashed into the other tower 17 minutes later.

Message to the Filipino People

From Concerned Women of Civil Society:

Itaguyod ang Pangulo na hinalal ng bayan.
Itakwil ang mga nanggugulo sa bayan at sakim sa kapangyarihan.

A minority group insists that President Macapagal Arroyo cheated in order to win in the May 2004 elections. This group is composed mainly of the forces of those who were discredited, who didn't win in the elections and who are ambitioning for power illegally. But their allegations of fraud are based on the illegally-acquired and admittedly-edited "Garci tapes."

Renowned US voice expert Barry Dickey, who authenticated the voice of Osama Bin Laden after 9/11, examined two tracks in the "Garci tapes" and found that "several anomalies exist" which "put in question the integrity of the tapes." It's logical to assume that tampering in one part could result in tampering in other parts of the tapes.

Facts of the 2004 elections:

▶ Various poll surveys, including SWS, predicted GMA's victory. Many political analysts also stressed that GMA's opponents did not have grassroots machinery and in many places they failed to field local candidates who could carry them to victory.

▶ Exit polls conducted on election day by SWS supported its earlier forecast---that **GMA won**.

▶ Namfrel's quick count also showed that **GMA won**. In fact, its Secretary-General, Bill Luz, said after the elections that "The results of the elections are credible and reflect the vote of the people. We didn't see enough electoral anomalies at the national level to have a material effect

▶ The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines came to the same conclusion, following reports of hundreds of priests, nuns and lay workers of PPCRV. Said the Bishops: "There were some instances of cheating and violations of election laws by political parties in their areas, but these did not affect the voting in general...It is (our) view that the results of the 2004 elections reflected the will of the Filipino people."

▶ Foreign observers who monitored the elections also pronounced them credible, despite some inefficiencies of election personnel.

▶ In the recent House of Representatives plenary voting, many solons stressed that **GMA won** in their respective areas in clean and honest elections that reflected the true will of their constituencies.

▶ It should be noted that in the places mentioned in the "Garci Tapes" which GMA allegedly asked about, she lost to FPJ.

The sad situation today:

▶ The House, in a decisive vote of 158 against only 51, threw out the impeachment complaint against GMA in a fair and constitutional process televised nationwide. The lengthy debates went on for three full weeks.

▶ The House minority failed to get the 79 votes needed to send the complaint to the Senate for trial, in accordance with the Constitution. This House verdict should be respected by all the citizens in our democracy.

▶ Sadly the minority and its misguided allies cannot accept defeat and are now agitating for protest actions in the streets to let the "truth" come out. But this seems to be just another alibi for their real agenda----i.e., to oust GMA by hook or by crook and grab power for their own ends.

▶ But this group can't agree on how to govern. There are as many formulas as there are leaders, e.g., transitional council, revolutionary junta or caretaker government. **A surefire recipe for chaos and anarchy.**

We must reject the path to chaos and anarchy.
Let's uphold the Constitution and the rule of law.
Palakasin ang ating demokrasya sa ilalim ni GMA
at paunlarin ang ekonomiya.

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8 charged in hazing death of midshipman

By Nelson F. Flores

PROSECUTORS have charged eight top officials of a government-run merchant marine academy for the death of an 18-year-old midshipman in 2001.

Charged with violations of the anti-hazing law were Rear Adm. Virginio Aris, Lt. Senior Grade Dominador Bayabos, Lieutenant Junior Grades Manny Ferrer, Ronald Magsino, Kruzaldo Mabborang and Gerry Doctor, and Ensigns Dennis Velasco and Dominador Operio of the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy.

A bail of P40,000 each was recommended for their temporary liberty.

Assistant Special Prosecutor Lalaine Benitez said the officials failed to prevent the infliction of psychological and physical injuries on Fernando Balidoy, leading to his death.

The National Bureau of Investigation earlier implicated the eight officers in Balidoy's death on May 2, 2001. The victim, along with 26 other midshipmen of PMMA class 2005, underwent indoctrination and orientation at the school campus in San Narciso, Zambales.

Balidoy collapsed during the orientation and died.

A police autopsy showed that Balidoy died of massive pulmonary hemorrhage.

He also sustained injuries to his kidneys, spleen and pancreas.

This prompted the victim's father to seek NBI assistance.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Tuesday, September 13, 2005
24th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Tim 3:1-13
Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Jesus went to a town called Naim and many of his disciples went with him—a great number of people. As he reached the gate of the town, a dead man was being carried out. He was the only son of his mother and she was a widow; there followed a large crowd of townspeople.

On seeing her, the Lord had pity on her and said, "Don't cry." Then he came up and touched the stretcher and the men who carried it stopped. Jesus then said, "Young man, awake, I tell you." And the dead man got up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. A holy fear came over them all and they praised God saying, "A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people." This news spread out in the Jewish country and the surrounding places.

Commentary

Jesus continues on his journey halting at the gates of the town of Naim as a funeral procession exists, with a widow mourning her only son. Two people leave the town, one to be buried and the other, as widow with no support to become a beggar, destitute and alone, dead to her society. And Jesus abruptly tells her "Don't cry!" wow... and he touches the stretcher and tells her son "Awake, I tell you." Older translations are clearer: I say to you Arise! And he does. And he gives him back to her (shades of Elijah giving the widow back her child). God has visited his people—Jesus has brought two people back from the dead and refuses to let society and especially his own people condemn anyone to a life that is walking death. Don't cry! Do something, like Jesus and begin to raise up the hopes of the widow, the orphan, the poor, the sick, those without insurance and health care, the refugee and immigrant, the outsider and outcast, so that everyone knows that God is visiting his people again, in us.

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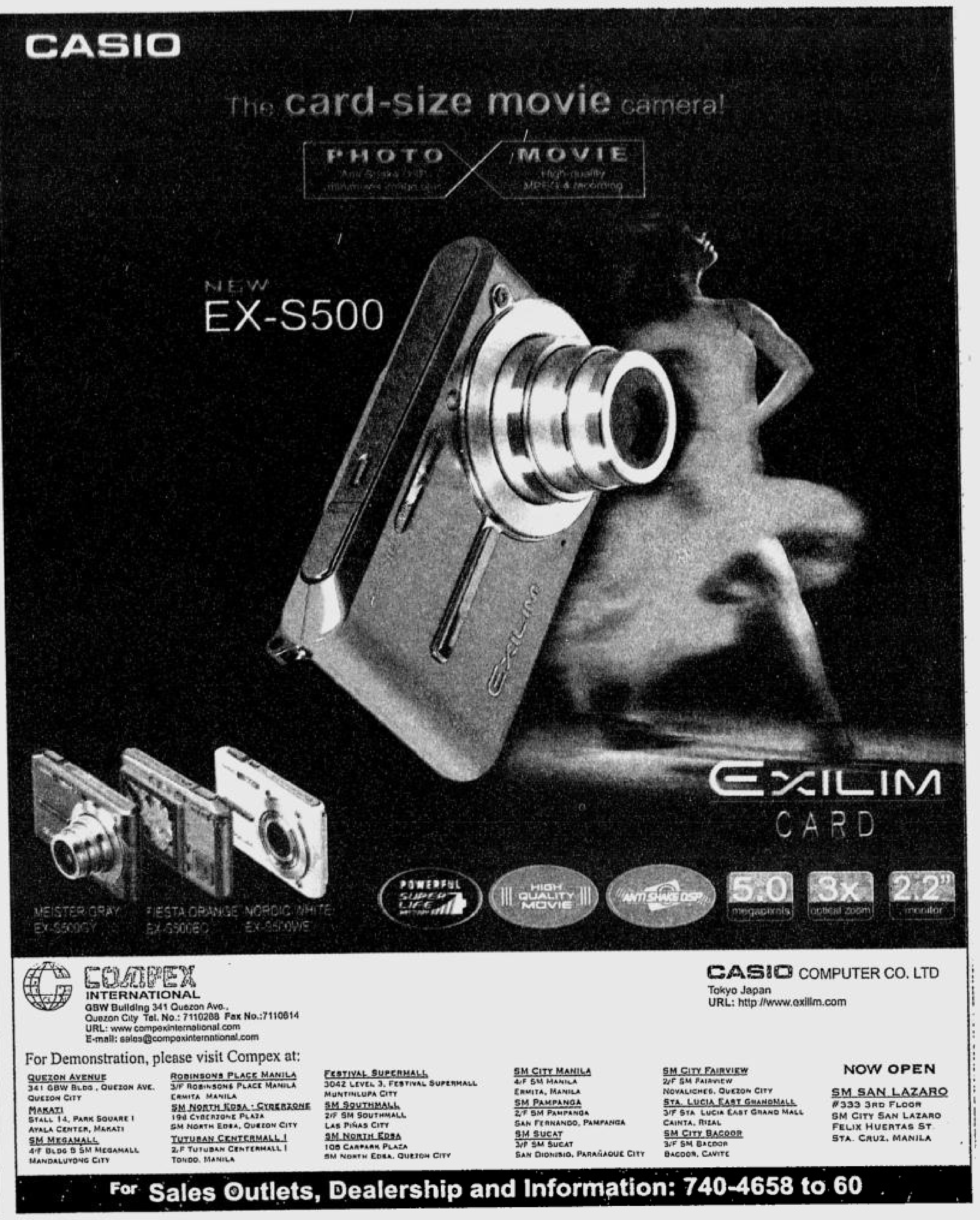

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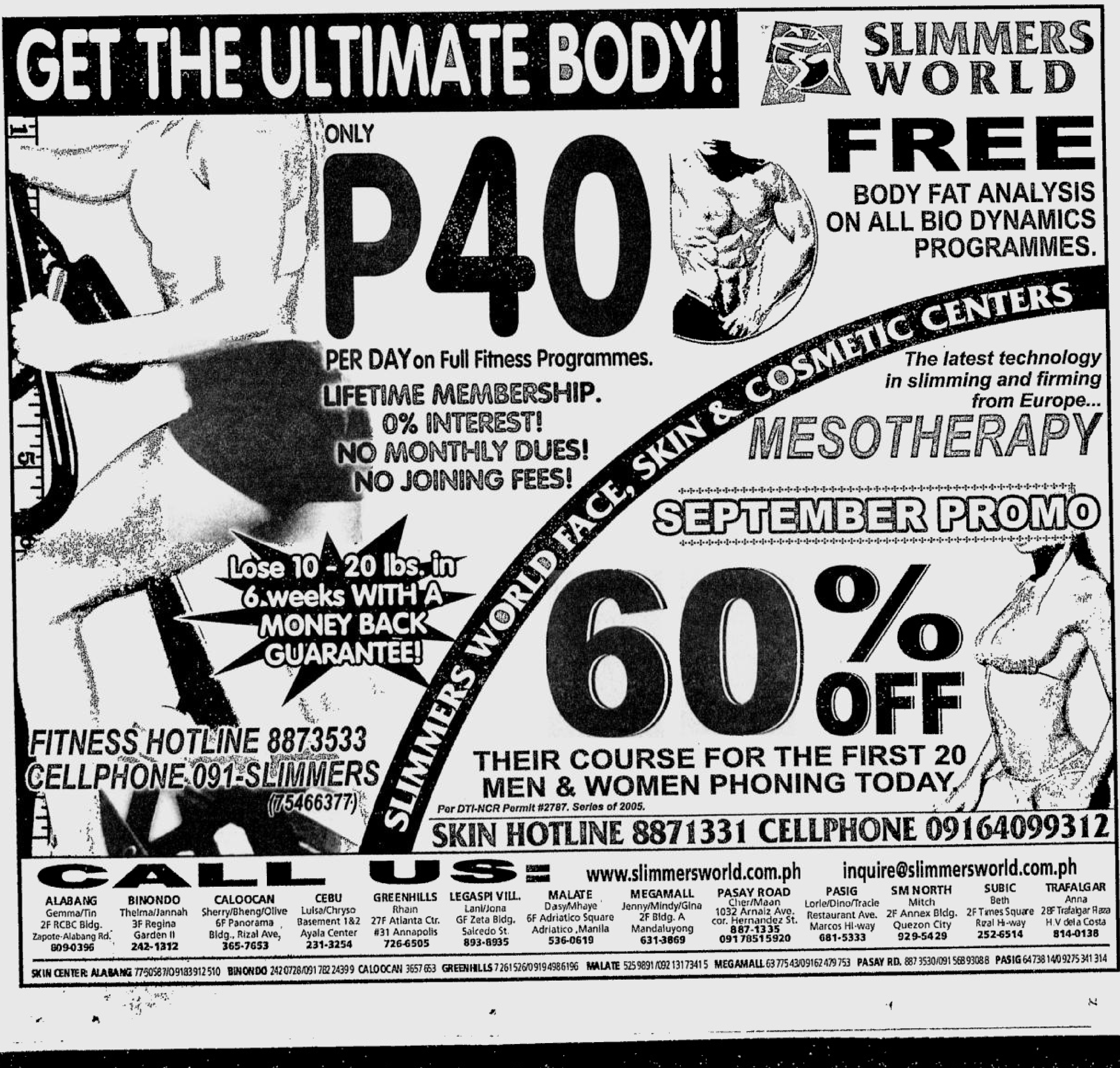
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Consumers learn ways to stretch their budgets

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cups of rice cooked are now down to two.

"My wife has stopped having manicure and pedicure and the family maintains only one cellular phone. I have stopped drinking binges in beer houses," he says.

Nights out

Hard times are also affecting women's spending on cosmetics. "I stopped spending on makeup and use only face powder and minimum lipstick," says Imelda de la Peña, a teacher in Candaba, Pampanga.

Her family also "stopped eating in fast-food chains, which my children like."

Dr. Christopher Magallanes, chief of the Lt. Tidang Memorial Hospital in Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya, says he now has to limit his spending on Friday nights out with friends. "Family bonding is also affected because what used to be a budget for the entire family of four is now limited to the couple alone."

Visits to relatives

Visits to relatives have been reduced to a minimum.

Karen Lapid, a researcher in Sta. Rita, Pampanga, has stopped making frequent visits to friends and relatives to save on fare. "I also stopped eating out and now buy foodstuff from the public market."

Benjie Ramirez, a radio reporter in Cauayan City, Isabela, has turned to less expensive fuel to cook his food. "My primary fuel now is *kusot* (sawdust) and I avoid using LPG frequently."

Dirty kitchen

Nova de Rosas, a government employee in Laoag City in Ilocos Norte, is again using her dirty kitchen.

"I had long abandoned my dirty kitchen when my children started going to school and I always needed to rush to prepare the family's meals. But now that I can hardly afford the cost of LPG, my dirty kitchen helps me manage my budget," she said.

Many car owners working for the city government have sold their vehicles to buy motorcycles to save on fuel cost.

"Never mind the cruel sun on the skin, the price of gasoline is harsher on the pocket," says Ernesto Abara, city information officer.

Cops on bikes

The Laoag police are using bicycles instead of cars in patrolling the city.

Some Baguio City residents are opting to wake up earlier and walk to work instead of taking jeepneys. Cases: A construction worker accepts contractual jobs nearer his house in Camp 7, Baguio, so he won't have to spend on jeepney fare. A nanny walks to her ward's house in Camp 7 to save on jeepney fare. Whatever she saves is given to her children for snacks and fare.

Some families experiment with car pooling. Some family members talk and agree on a schedule to meet so they could all go home in one cab. Families that have several cars are now using only one vehicle, dropping off each other at their various destinations to conserve fuel.

'Change of career'

Arnold Florendo, of Mabuhay City Homes in Cabuyao, Laguna, has been an FX taxi driver for three years. He used to spend P400 a day for diesel.

"Now, I'm spending P1,000 per day because of the rising fuel costs," Florendo says. He says he is seriously considering a "change of career," like putting up a small grocery store, to improve his daily income.

Ato Pascua, department head of a cigarette factory in Marikina City, says that in the past, he shopped for groceries every week. Now he does this twice a month. He also spends more time at home.

"We used to hold family days during the weekend, but it has become very impractical for us to go to the mall every time," says Pascua.

Limiting Internet use

Students are also reeling from the high cost of living.

For three school years, Nestor Pretista had been able to get by as a bedspacer while attending Aquinas University of Legazpi City in Albay.

"I was able to make ends meet with my P600 weekly allowance. But with the recent increases in fares and prices of commodities, even a P100 raise in my weekly allowance is not enough. I cannot go anymore to theaters or eat outside," Pretista says.

"To save money, I now often walk from school to my boarding house, which is about a kilometer away."

Meat consumption

Mario Belgica, a student of Bicol University in Legazpi, now seldom plays Ragnarok and other computer games. "Even my use of Internet is now limited," he says.

Another coping mechanism adopted by some families is cutting down on meat consumption.

"We are concentrating more on vegetables for our viands in order to save. Meat is now very costly," says Alex Casaul, a store owner in Legazpi.

Skyrocketing gasoline prices have forced a significant number of fishermen to go back to traditional fishing, using oars. They can no longer afford motorized boats. Others cut the number of days they go out to sea from five to six days a week to three to four days a week, says G. Albert.

Farming practices are affected, too.

Rising costs of agri inputs

Agriculture officials in Candon City, Ilocos Sur, note that some farmers have reduced the areas they till because of rising costs of agricultural inputs, such as fertilizers and of gasoline used to power pumps to water their crops.

"It's back to my trusted carabao in tilling my two-hectare farm," says Gerry Pantilon, a farmer in Barangay Palanginan, Iba, Zambales. *Reports from Christine O. Avendaño, Blanche Rivera, Tina G. Santos, Dona Pazzibugan, Margaux C. Ortiz, Nancy C. Carvajal and Jocelyn R. Uy in Manila; Juliet Cataluña, Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, Cristina Arzadon, Villamor Visaya Jr., Melvin Gascon, Donna Demetillo, Joya Santos-Doctor, Ben Moses Ebreo, Leoncio Balbin Jr. and Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; Tonette Orejas, Carmela Reyes, Anselmo Roque and Cesar Villa, PDI Central Luzon Desk, and Jofelle P. Tesorio, Gil Francis G. Arevalo, Leo Martin B. Ganace, Romulo O. Ponte, Madonna T. Virola, Job Belen, Michael Jaucian, Mei Magsino and Juan Escandor Jr., Southern Luzon Bureau*

SAVING TIPS

Electricity

- Turn off everything not in use: lights, TVs, computers, electronics. Make your computer "sleep" by turning off the monitor or activating its "sleep" features that power down when it is not in use for a while. This not only cuts costs but also improves longevity.
- Switch to fluorescent light bulbs. They cost a little more but use 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs and last for more hours.

Water

- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth, or fill a cup with water and use that instead of the faucet for rinsing.
- Take more showers instead of baths. Better yet, use the tabo-and-balde method.
- For potable water: Invest in a filtering system instead of boiling, to save on LPG money in the long run.

Refs and other appliances

- Refrigerators, like most appliances, work most efficiently when well maintained. Manual refrigerators use less energy than "frost-free" models. Temperatures should be kept within the 37-40-degree range. Freezers should be set around 10 degrees if used to store meat. If not, freezers may be set around 25 degrees.

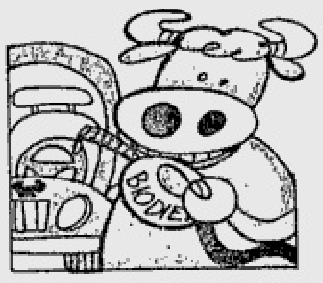
Refrigerators work best when they are full, but not overcrowded. Fill freezer and refrigerator with bottles of water. In an event of a power outage, they help keep the contents cooler, longer. (Plastic bottles are incredibly strong and will withstand dozens of freeze-thaw cycles. However, you must leave some free space at the top the bottle and don't twist the cap on tight, otherwise the bottle will burst when it freezes.)

- Where the refrigerator is situated makes a big difference too. Locate the refrigerator away from the stove, out of the sunlight and away from heating ducts. Periodically move the appliance away from the wall and vacuum coils to improve efficiency.
- Try not to let the frost build up the freezer—defrost when the frost becomes a quarter-inch thick.
- Replace air-conditioner filters.
- Use window screens or have windows tinted, and surround your home with plants.
- Buy clothes that require minimum ironing.
- Instead of tumble-drying, get a clothesline. Hang clothes out to dry properly, leaving sufficient space in between clothes. Most wrinkles will be gone by the time they're dry.
- Do all your ironing at once. Save the smaller articles of clothing for last, and turn off the heat before you finish. The remaining heat will be enough to iron the last few pieces.

- Do full loads when you use clothes washers, dryers and dishwashers.
- Use a microwave oven instead of a conventional range or oven when possible.

Car and gas tips

- Plan errands so you can combine them into one trip, you consolidate trips to destinations that are near one another and save errands for a specific time so you don't retrace your route. You not only save gas this way, but reduce wear-and-tear on your car.
- Drive your car wisely and maintain it properly. You can greatly improve your mileage by having your car serviced regularly and by driving wisely. If you own more than one vehicle, use the one that gets the best gas mileage whenever possible.
- Learn the ways to improve mileage such as go easy on the brakes and gas pedal. Avoid jack-rabbit starts by accelerating slowly when starting from a dead start. Also, anticipate stops to avoid sudden braking. Turn off the engine if you anticipate a lengthy wait. Avoid idling and park your car instead. Idling burns more gas than restarting the engine. Avoid carrying unneeded items in the trunk. Extra weight decreases gas mileage. Avoid high speeds. You can improve your gas mileage about 15 percent by driving at 55 mph rather than 65 mph. Keep tires properly inflated and aligned. Under-inflated tires can increase fuel consumption by 6 percent. Periodic wheel alignments and keeping tires inflated to the maximum recommended pressure can improve your gas mileage. Keep your car properly tuned up and change your air filter.



- Be updated on latest advances on alternative fuels, such as biodiesel, electricity, ethanol, hydrogen, methanol, natural gas, and propane, which reduce or entirely eliminate harmful emissions and emerging technologies that would double or triple the efficiency of current vehicles such as new technologies include hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs), which combine an engine with an electric motor, and fuel cells, which produce electricity by converting a fuel (generally hydrogen and oxygen) into water.

Other tips

- In general, look around your house and office. Assess your needs against your habits to look for ways to start saving electricity, water and earn extra money.
- Take a hint from the kids: Bring your own water bottle to avoid impulse buying when you're parched. Freeze contents the night before using to help it stay cool all day.
- Buy nonperishable groceries in bulk, and transfer them to smaller containers (reuse old ones). This is cheaper than buying smaller sizes, especially in one-use sizes or sachets. Plus, you'll save transportation money because you won't have to go to the store as often as you used to.
- Patronize locally produced goods.
- Save the condiment packets (ketchup, sugar, creamer, etc.) fast-food restaurants give out.
- Get regular medical and dental checkups. Prevention is often cheaper than the cure.
- Ditch expensive multivitamins in favor of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Plant herbs and vegetables instead of purely ornamental plants.
- Try having clothes made, or get hand-me-downs altered, instead of buying from stores.

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Vidal accuses the media of dividing Church

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secration called in the aftermath of the House of Representatives' decision junking the impeachment complaints against Ms Arroyo over charges she stole last year's election.

Ms Arroyo, upon the invitation of the bishops, took time out from a heavy schedule to attend a Mass in Lipa hours before her departure for New York. "This was in solidarity with the bishops," said Media Secretary Cerge Remonde.

More than a dozen prelates joined the Lipa affair, including those urging the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines to reassess its position in July staying away from calls for Ms Arroyo's resignation but urging her not to dismiss them altogether.

The CBCP's 12-member permanent council is to begin a meeting today on the country's political situation.

A faction of the 119-strong CBCP is to hold a "special meeting" separately to articulate concerns the organization's prescriptions for the nation's political problems had apparently been ignored. The bishops had said in their July statement that resignation, impeachment and the creation of a "truth commission" were not against the Gospel.

A Palace official, who declined to be named, said the CBCP's policy-making body would address statements made by Archbishop Oscar Cruz and Fr. Robert Reyes urging the prelates to take a tougher stand against the President. The official also said the bishops' concerns about media reporting that tended to put the Church in a bad light would be taken up in the council meeting.

Cruz has been on the forefront of a crusade against illegal gambling. His campaign led to a House investigation that implicated Ms Arroyo's family in gambling payoffs.

Council agenda

Archbishop Paciano Aniceto of San Fernando, Pampanga, said today's meeting would "touch on the political crisis."

A council member, Aniceto said the agenda had been prepared before the current political issues surfaced.

Both Vidal and Aniceto denied knowledge of a parallel gathering of bishops outside of the council. But at least four highly reliable Church insiders yesterday confirmed to the INQUIRER that such a gathering would indeed take place.

Bacolod Bishop Vicente Navarra, who earlier confirmed the special meeting, was spotted by the INQUIRER at the CBCP office yesterday.

Contrary to perceptions, the special meeting was not meant to pressure the council into issuing a stronger response to the failed impeachment bid, a Church insider said.

The council, headed by outgoing CBCP president Fernando Capalla, is in charge of policy decisions when the body is not in plenary session.

The source said the parallel meeting outside the council was triggered by the INQUIRER exposé on bishops and priests who had been receiving hefty cash donations from Pagcor. The failed impeachment of Ms Arroyo was also a major reason, the source said.

"There's the larger issue of how these things are being handled by the CBCP," the source said. "The goal is to think this out soberly, in prayerful discernment, and determine what can be done to bring about unity and speak out as one in a clearer voice."

Aniceto told reporters in Lipa that Filipinos should explore other peaceful solutions to the nation's political ills.

A people of hope

"Let us not close our doors that easily. There are still alternatives. We are a people of hope," said Aniceto. Asked what these options were, he said Filipinos should engage in "prayerful discernment so all of us will be enlightened."

Aniceto seemed unperturbed by the quashing of the impeachment complaints in the House of Representatives against the President last week. He said the impeachment was an important "first step" in resolving the crisis.

"Democracy is a dynamic procedure, that's why we keep on asking the Lord to illumine our pathway," he said.

He said Ms Arroyo had the right to defend herself. "This is really what will happen under our present form of government."

Rep. Eduardo Zialcita of Parañaque City urged the CBCP to rein in prelates who issue statements outside of its official position.

"We don't mean to have their free speech curtailed but going against the CBCP stand is creating more confusion and divisiveness among the Catholic flock," Zialcita, an Arroyo supporter, said in a statement yesterday.

"The CBCP should serve as a calming voice amid the opposition's refusal to abide by the House's decision to dismiss the impeachment complaints against the President," said another administration ally, Rep. Jesli Lapus of Tarlac.

Also yesterday, Sen. Rodolfo Biazon said he was not surprised to see the Church and other religious denominations overstep legal boundaries. He said politicians had given them leeway "to meddle in state affairs."

"Who caused this? Us, politicians. During elections, who do we run to? We troop to these different sects for their support. When you are given that support, you're accepting the fact that they can meddle in political affairs," he said.

Biazon also said Filipinos, in some ways, encouraged the Church to overstep legal boundaries and play an active role in the 1986 and 2001 bloodless people's revolts that toppled leaders.

One way to put a stop to this is for the government to institute reforms in the country's electoral system by raising the level of maturity of both politicians and the electorate, the senator said. *With reports from Christine O. Avendaño, TJ Burgonio, Jerome Aning and Norman Bordadora*

RP stage talents migrate to Hong Kong Disneyland

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from the theme park, there are two hotels offering a thousand rooms each.

Disney auditions in Manila

Ever since Cameron Mackintosh stumbled on a treasure trove of talent in Manila for his original West End staging of "Miss Saigon" in 1987, the Philippines has built a solid reputation among international casting agents.

The US Disney team realized this soon enough when many of those who passed the Hong Kong auditions were Filipinos.

Disney approached composer Ryan Cayabyab because he had previously worked on various projects with the global entertainment giant.

Cayabyab, as the executive and artistic director of the San Miguel Foundation for the Performing Arts, "produced" the Manila auditions for Disney.

From November 2004 to June this year, representatives from Disney International Casting visited Manila to search for talents. "They held auditions in Manila at least five times seeing some 400 to 500 Filipinos," Cayabyab said.

Those who passed the auditions are now in Hong Kong, working as character performers, singers, dancers and even musicians (brass, trumpet and saxophone players).

Bring rubber shoes

"In June, they were here looking for hand drummers," Cayabyab said. "African percussionists. Meaning, they play drums not with sticks but with their bare hands. The musicians and singers will work not only in the park, but also at the two hotels."

"They shot all the participants with a video camera," Cayabyab described the process. "They didn't decide on the spot. Instead the audition tapes were sent to the main office in Florida. It's a very stringent and professional process."

According to the theme park's official website, there was another round of auditions in Hong Kong last July 10. Applicants must be at least 16 years old.

"Anyone who's interested can go there," Cayabyab said. "It's open to everyone, for as long as they meet the requirements. All they need to bring are their rubber shoes!"

Brain drain

And lots of chutzpah.

"Being a character performer is not just [about] bringing a character to life," the Disney website said. "It is [about] having the belief that you [can] truly create magic."

And while Hong Kong Disneyland is giving these Filipino artists gainful employment, the country is experiencing another "brain drain"—this time in the performing arts.

"Local musical theater lost a number of seasoned actors," said Audie Gemora, president and artistic director of Trumpets. He said Ampy Sietereales, Sheila Valderrama, Anna Liza Zialcita, Ralion Alonso, Roy Rolloda and Noel Rayos had joined Hong Kong Disneyland.

Among the Filipino dancers who had signed up with Hong Kong Disneyland were nine company members of Ballet Philippines, according to artistic director Augustus Damian.

"We lost four female and five male dancers," he said, "That's nine out of 17 company members."

On average, these dancers, who were of different ages, had logged two to five years of dancing experience, said Damian, who himself worked as principal dancer in various ballet companies in Germany for two decades.

These artists could hardly be blamed. A Ballet Philippines company member is entitled to a basic salary and shoe allotment which, he said, is "a pittance" compared to international standards.

Window of opportunity

"From what I gather, a ballet dancer in the Philippines earns slightly higher than a public school teacher," Damian said. "Which is slightly above minimum wage."

In contrast, the Filipino talents in Hong Kong Disneyland are paid in Hong Kong dollars and given partial payment upon contract signing, according to Angie Magbanua, Llamanzares' manager.

Cayabyab noted that the Disney exodus "is still a positive development," in spite of the perceived "brain drain."

"Since the more experienced performers are leaving for abroad, a window of opportunity has been opened for younger talents who are just waiting in the wings," he said.

"New artists will be discovered and trained," Cayabyab added. "Moreover, when the artists who've gone abroad return home, they can share and pass on skills and knowledge to their peers here. I am certain their stints abroad will make them better artists and mentors. It will teach them discipline and independence. It will broaden their horizons." *With an AP report*

WWF: Illegal logging goes on in protected areas

By Blanche S. Rivera

ILLEGAL LOGGING EVEN IN PROTECTED areas has continued despite a six-month-old log ban imposed in all but two regions of the country, the World Wildlife Fund revealed.

WWF president Lorenzo Tan said the log ban imposed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in March has failed to curb illegal logging in supposedly protected areas.

Speaking at a briefing of the Philippine Tropical Forest Conservation Foundation, Tan showed a photo of logs floating down a river in the north Sierra Madre Natural Park.

"I don't think the ban has made a difference. Even as we speak now, there is logging in protected areas like Sierra Madre," Tan said when asked if he felt the DENR log ban has been effective.

He said the government would never be able to address the problem of illegal logging until it offers alternative livelihood opportunities to communities that have long depended on logging for a living.

Two weeks ago, the DENR confiscated 38,000 board feet of timber worth P4.2 million in Mauban, Quezon, which the DENR has identified as the new center of logging operations in the province.

Tan underscored the need for local government support for the log ban, which is effective in all 16 regions except Davao and Caraga in Mindanao, where logging is allowed for those with existing permits from the DENR.

"It's very important that mayors and governors back the log ban. You can't just say 'logging is prohibited.' You have to have... political will to do that," Tan said.

PTCFC executive director Maria Paz Luna said the group, which is funding massive reforestation in the Philippines, has received reports that many local politicians were involved in illegal logging.

She said the communities knew these politicians who were condoning or even engaging in logging operations but few people were willing to come out against them for fear of reprisal.

"I'm warning all local politicians engaged in logging. You will not be in position forever. When you are no longer protected by your position, people would come out against you, so better stop what you're doing now," Luna said in a press briefing.

She said the PTFCF, which was launched last week, was building a network all over the country and a database of information on illegal logging activities, which could later be used to help the government crack down on illegal operators.

"We should stop depending just on the DENR to do this. The government has only one forester for every 4,000 ha. You cannot expect them to stop logging," Luna said.

The Philippines, which used to have 21 million ha of forest in 1900 now has 7.16 million ha of forest left, which is less than the 40 percent forest cover required for ecological sustainability.

Of the 7.16 million hectares, only 800,000 hectares are considered old-growth forest. This could drop to 320,000 hectares in five years if logging remains unabated, the PTFCF said.

The DENR adopted its limited log ban policy in March following flash floods that killed hundreds and displaced thousands of families in Luzon last year. Massive deforestation has been blamed for the killer floods.

Green solution proposed

FORMER SEN. Loren Legarda has proposed a "debt-for-environment swap" between creditor and debtor countries to address the problems of global environment and poverty.

In a paper submitted to the 21st Century Forum on Sustainable Development in Beijing, China, last week, Legarda cited the Philippines' staggering debt burden which prevents it from carrying out programs to preserve the environment.

Legarda, who was elected by delegates to chair the session on the Role of Mass Media in Sustainable Development, said the debt swap will benefit both rich and poor countries.

"The G-8 countries [group of rich countries] recently did it in Africa. There is no reason why the world's creditors will not pay heed to an urgent appeal to spare many developing countries in Asia from their monstrous obligations," she said.

Legarda said that because of the debt burden, the Philippines could not even do the most basic work for sustainable development because it lacks money.

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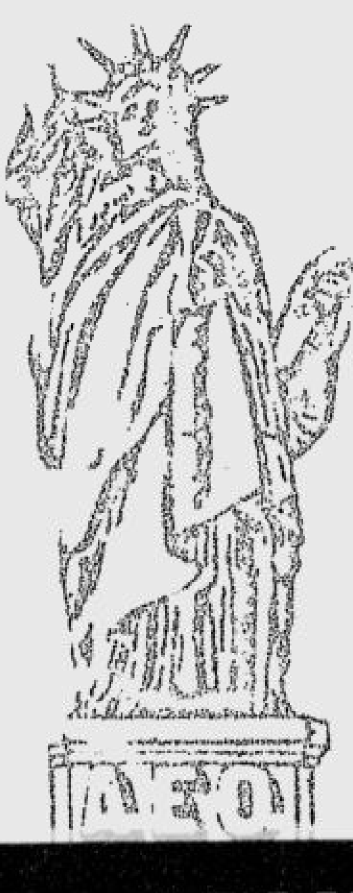

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A DAY OF JOY FOR PALESTINIANS

Last Israeli soldier leaves Gaza Strip

NEVE DEKALIM, GAZA STRIP—ECSTATIC crowds of Palestinians flooded into empty Jewish settlements early Monday, setting abandoned synagogues on fire and smashing and looting ruined buildings in a chaotic celebration of the end of 38 years of Israeli military rule over the Gaza Strip.

Plans by Palestinian police to bar crowds from the settlements quickly disintegrated, and militant groups hoisted flags and fired wildly into the air, illustrating the weakness of the security forces and concerns about their ability to control growing chaos in Gaza. The pullout is widely seen as a test for Palestinian aspirations of statehood.

Just after sunrise, the last column of tanks rumbled out of Gaza. Troops locked a metal gate and hoisted their national flag, removed from the Gaza military headquarters, on the Israeli side of the border.

"The mission has been completed, and an era has ended," said Israel's Gaza commander, Brigadier General Kochavi, the last soldier to leave the strip.

Orange sky

As soldiers poured out of Gaza throughout the night, jubilant Palestinians rushed into the abandoned settlements, turning Gaza's night sky orange as fires roared across the settlements. Women shrieked in joy, teens set off fireworks and crowds chanted "God is great."

"Today is a day of joy and happiness that our people were deprived of in the past century," said Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, adding that the Palestinians still had a long path toward statehood. He denounced Israeli rule in Gaza as "aggression, injustice, humiliation, killing and settlement activity."

Palestinians hope to build their state in Gaza, the West Bank and east Jerusalem—areas that Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast War—but fear that Israel will not hand over additional territory. They say Israel's occupation of Gaza has not ended because it retains control over borders and the air space.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said he remains committed to the US-backed "road map" peace plan, which calls for an independent Palestinian state, but linked any further withdrawals to Abbas' ability to rein in militant groups.

"Israel has done its share and reiterates its call for the Palestinians to follow through, meaning their preventing terror against Israel and maintaining law and order in the territories under their control," said David Baker, an official in Sharon's office.

Ambitious plan

Abbas refuses to confront militants, insisting he can persuade them to disarm peacefully. He has outlined an ambitious plan to reconstruct Gaza's shattered economy, an effort he believes will bolster forces of moderation. But he faces a difficult task in Gaza, where militants and armed gangs operate freely and wield considerable power.

As Israel completed its pullout, Palestinian jeeps decorated with the flags of the Hamas and Islamic Jihad militant groups stopped just near the border and a group of masked gunmen waved their weapons before Palestinian police moved them away.

Pointing behind him at the border, Maj. Gen. Dan Harel, head of Israel's southern command, said the pullout presented an important opportunity for the Palestinians to take control of their future.

"The responsibility belongs to the Palestinian Authority," he said. "We hope that they will know how to rise to the responsibility, and enable all of us to leave in peace and security."

Palestinian authorities had promised an orderly transition after the pullout, but the calls for calm were ignored. Police stood by helplessly early Monday as gunmen raised flags of militant groups in the abandoned settlements and crowds smashed what was left in the ruins or walked off with doors, window frames, toilets and scrap metals.

After rushing into the settlements, Palestinians set fire to empty synagogues in the Morag, Kfar Darom and Netzarim settlements, as well as a Jewish seminary in Neve Dekalim. *AP*

A PALESTINIAN man rejoices in the rubble of demolished houses in the former Jewish settlement of Netzarim on Monday morning. AP

Poll victory gives Koizumi new mandate

TOKYO—PRIME MINISTER JUNICHIRO KOIZUMI's stunning triumph in parliamentary polls handed the leader a new mandate on Monday to harness his revitalized ruling party and turn promises into action for a range of sweeping economic reforms.

His landslide victory on Sunday boosted his Liberal Democratic Party's standing in the lawmaking Lower House by nearly a fifth and gave ruling lawmakers a two-thirds majority—along with a coalition partner—to override votes in a still-hostile upper house.

The LDP's final tally stood at 296 seats in the Lower House, public broadcaster NHK reported, well above the 241 seats needed for a majority and the 249 seats it held when Koizumi dissolved the chamber last month. Optimism about the results sent Tokyo's benchmark Nikkei stock index surging 1.8 percent to 12,915.53 points in early trading.

Koizumi, who plans to step down in September next year, quickly came under pressure to use his new strength to deliver—not just on his cherished plans to privatize the nation's postal savings and insurance system but on issues ranging from pension reform to diplomatic relations.

"If his policies and the party's stature betray the people's expectations, there will someday be a backlash," the Asahi newspaper said in a front page analysis. "As soon as possible, he has to say what he will do after postal reform, and show concrete programs."

The LDP victory delayed any notion that Japan was entering an era of two-party politics following impressive recent gains by the opposition Democratic Party. The Democrats took a disheartening plunge on Sunday to 113 seats, from 175. Party leader Katsuya Okada announced early Monday that he would step down as party head to take responsibility for the defeat.

The Democrats plan to elect a new president on Saturday, party officials said.

The LDP victory will test Koizumi's ability to transform the party's once-moribund, pork-barrel politics into a streamlined force for dynamic reform and small government.

"The ranks of the LDP's old guard have declined, and the party now has more young members, as well as more women. But its actions going forward will determine whether the party has truly changed," the Nihon Keizai newspaper said. *AP*

Estimates of Katrina claims double to $40B

GENEVA—SWISS REINSURANCE Co., the world's second-largest reinsurance company, on Monday doubled to $40 billion its estimate of claims the global insurance industry will face from Hurricane Katrina—making it the world's costliest hurricane.

Swiss Re, which previously agreed with the world's largest reinsurer Munich Re that the total losses would be $20 billion, said it increased loss estimates because the damage caused by the hurricane was bigger than they thought.

"Due to the unique nature of the event, the complexity and the magnitude of destruction caused, accurate claims estimates remain difficult," the Zurich-based company said.

Swiss Re also more than doubled to $1.2 billion the estimate of the claims the company itself may face, which means it will fail to meet its profit growth target of 10-percent earnings per share this year. It previously had estimated its claims would be about $500 million.

Hannover Re AG noted that some estimates for Katrina's insurance losses could go as high as $60 billion. It said that could mean it, too, might have to revise its net profit below a previous estimate of at least $384 million.

"If the total insured loss is in the area of $40 billion to $60 billion, our exposure will be above the previous estimate of euro250 million pretax, and this could lower our group net income," Chief Executive Wilhelm Zeller said during an insurance industry meeting in Monaco. *AP*

Al-Qaida hits use of poison gas

CAIRO, EGYPT—THE AL-QAIDA leader in Iraq accused US and Iraqi forces of using poison gas in a recent fighting in northern Iraq, where hundreds of insurgents were killed or captured, in an audiotape posted on the Internet.

The recording attributed to Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi on Sunday claimed that the insurgents inflicted casualties on the allied troops in the Tal Afar battle.

"The Crusaders mobilized their big armies and used the most destructive and lethal weapons and the most deadly and hurtful poison gas together with their stooges," he said.

"But God made them drink at the hands of the mujahedeen the different kinds of death and made them face horrible things that they will never forget."

The voice could not be authenticated, however it was similar to previous recordings attributed to Al-Zarqawi. The tape was posted on an Islamic website used as a clearinghouse for militant statements. *AP*

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Speedy confirmation expected

WASHINGTON—Less than three years after first donning a judge's robe, John Glover Roberts Jr. is on a path toward speedy confirmation for becoming, at age 50, chief justice of the US Supreme Court. A turbulent week that included the funeral of William H. Rehnquist, his mentor and the man he hopes to replace, his renomination by US President George W. Bush for chief justice and controversy over the government's tardy response to Hurricane Katrina has not dampened Roberts' candidacy to join the Supreme Court. Republicans and Democrats see no serious obstacle to Roberts' confirmation. Liberal, civil rights, civil libertarian and abortion rights groups have come out against him, but not one of the Senate's 100 members has declared opposition. *AP*

Most widespread riots in Ireland

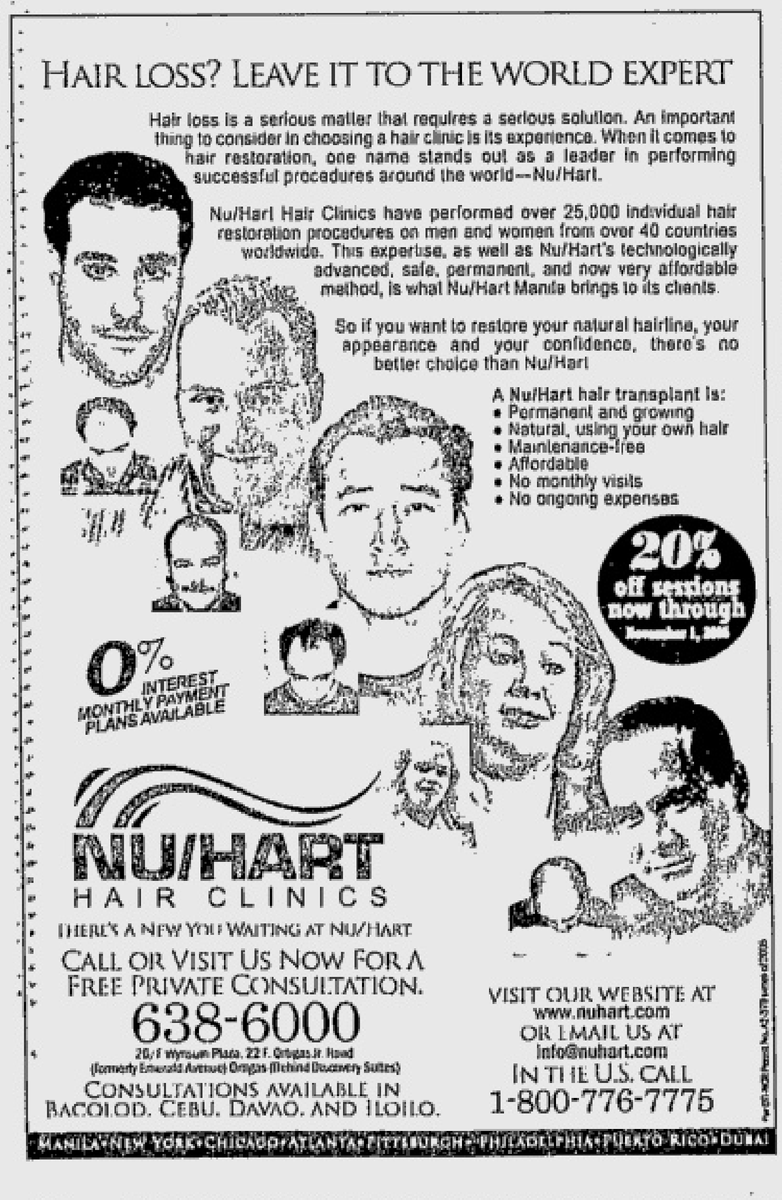
BELFAST, Northern Ireland—Protestant extremists attacked police and British troops into a third day Monday, littering streets with rubble and burned-out vehicles in an orgy of violence sparked by anger over a restricted parade. Crowds of masked men and youths confronted police backed by British troops in dozens of hardline Protestant districts in Belfast and several other towns. Gunmen opened fire on police and soldiers in at least two parts of the capital Sunday night, but nobody was hit. Riot-hardened police units equipped with helmets, body armor and flame-retardant jumpsuits doused crowds with massive water cannons and fired several hundred blunt-nosed plastic bullets. *AP*

New generation of land mines

WASHINGTON—The US defense department is close to deciding whether to produce a new generation of land mines, but the system is drawing criticism from those who say the military is ignoring international sentiment against such weapons. Underscoring the unpopularity of the devices, defense officials working on the program, called Spider, declined to call the weapon a land mine. They opted instead for generic descriptions like "networked munitions." The Spider has the same function as a field of land mines—to prevent anyone from crossing a piece of territory, either by killing them or scaring them away. But unlike a traditional minefield, it is designed to be monitored by a human operator, who can activate the system by computer when somebody enters the protected area. *AP*

China slammed for 'cultural genocide'

HAILEY, Idaho—A rail link being built between Tibet and several major Chinese cities could lead to "cultural genocide" by luring more Chinese workers to the region, the Dalai Lama said. Tibet's spiritual leader said following a speech in Idaho Sunday that more pressure will be placed on native Tibetans by the rail line scheduled for completion in 2007. "Some kind of cultural genocide is taking place," the Dalai Lama told reporters. "In general, a railway link is very useful in order to develop, but not when politically motivated to bring about demographic change." Increasing numbers of ethnic Han Chinese have been moving to Tibet in recent years to work in construction and other booming government industries. *AP*



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UN says abuse of amphetamine-type drugs rising in Asia

TRAFFICKERS HAVE BEEN SHIFTING to the manufacture of amphetamine-type drugs in Asia as cultivation and production of heroin drops sharply, a senior United Nations official said on Monday.

Akira Fijuno, head of the Bangkok-based UN Office on Drugs and Crime, said there had been an alarming increase in abuse of "shabu" and ecstasy in Southeast Asia over the last few years, as shown by a rise in the number of narcotics laboratories found.

"There's an increasingly serious problem in amphetamines in Southeast Asia because they do not require any agricultural production," Fijuno told Manila-based foreign correspondents.

"All you need to do is get the starting materials and then any urban laboratory can be established anywhere in the world, small or otherwise big factories."

He said China and Burma (Myanmar) were the world's top makers of amphetamine-type stimultants.

Of the estimated 400 metric tons they make in total each year, three quarters was the methamphetamine known as "shabu" or ice and one quarter was ecstasy pills.

But Fijuno said increased law enforcement and other countermeasures had forced traffickers to move laboratories to countries such as the Philippines and Fiji.

In the Philippines, at least 11 clandestine laboratories making "shabu" have been dismantled in the last two years, netting about 3.1 metric tons in 2003 or 10 percent of the total worldwide seizures of the drug.

Fujino said the value of the global illicit drug market in 2003 was estimated at $13 billion at the production level, $94 billion at the wholesale level and $322 billion at the retail level—after taking seizures and other losses into account.

Marijuana remained the largest market with an estimated retail size of $113 billion, followed by cocaine at $71 billion and amphetamines at $44 billion.

Fujino said there had been anecdotal reports from several areas that money from the sale of opium and cocaine was used in past terror attacks.

Although cultivation and production of opium in Afghanistan declined in early 2005, the United Nations said in a recent report narcotics from that country still found their way to Europe, a clear sign that there was sufficient and rising supply.

While coca cultivation has risen in Bolivia and Peru, production of opium in Southeast Asia, particularly in the so-called "Golden Triangle" region, has declined by as much as 78 percent from its peak in 1996, the UN report said. *Reuters*

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Typhoon kills 14 in China

SHANGHAI, CHINA—TYPHOON Khanun killed at least 14 people when it plowed into China's east coast, leveling thousands of homes and forcing the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of people, state media said Monday.

The storm tore Sunday afternoon into coastal Taizhou, a city in Zhejiang province about 250 km south of the commercial hub of Shanghai, unleashing torrential rains and high winds.

Fourteen people were killed and some 7,468 houses were destroyed by the strong winds and rain, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, without giving details. Eight people were missing, it said.

Total economic losses caused by the typhoon were estimated $849 million, Xinhua said, citing provincial-level flood control officials.

Along the Zhejiang coast, 814,267 people were evacuated and more than 35,000 ships were returned to ports, Xinhua said.

In Shanghai, rain and wind flooded streets, blew down trees and caused minor damage to some homes. An incoming China Eastern flight from Melbourne, Australia, had to be diverted to the southern city of Guangzhou on Sunday night, while dozens of flights were canceled or delayed on Monday morning. Schools around the city canceled classes.

By 11 a.m. (0300 GMT) Monday, Khanun had weakened into a tropical storm and was heading north at about 20 kph per hour across the province of Jiangsu, according to the Hong Kong Observatory. *AP*

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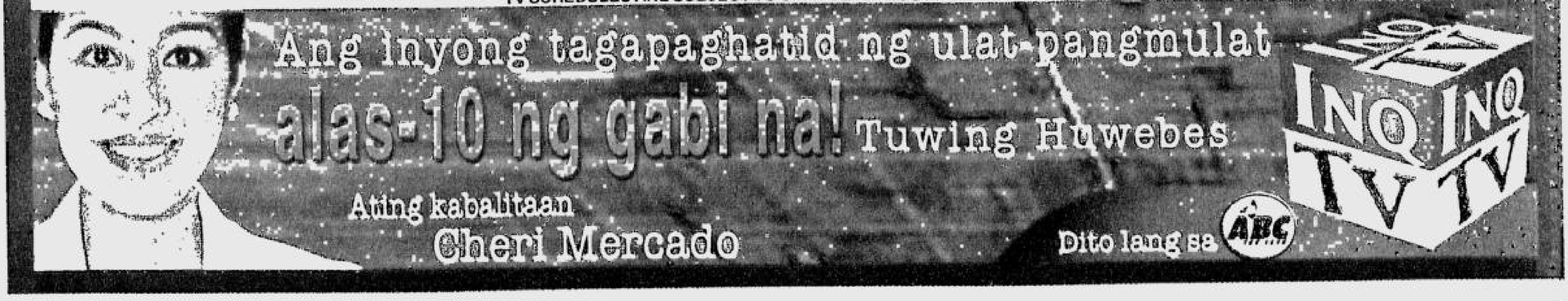

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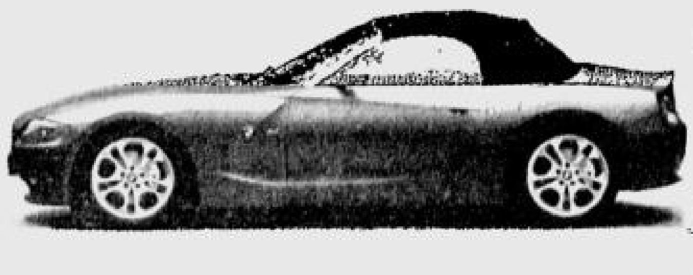

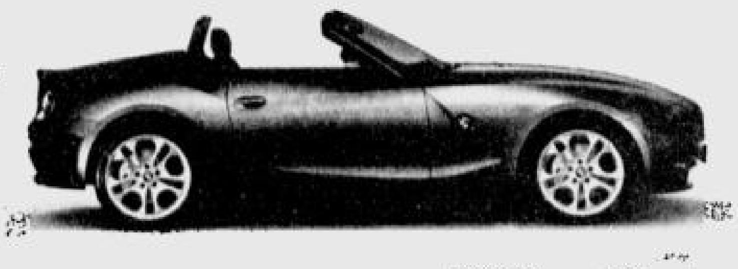
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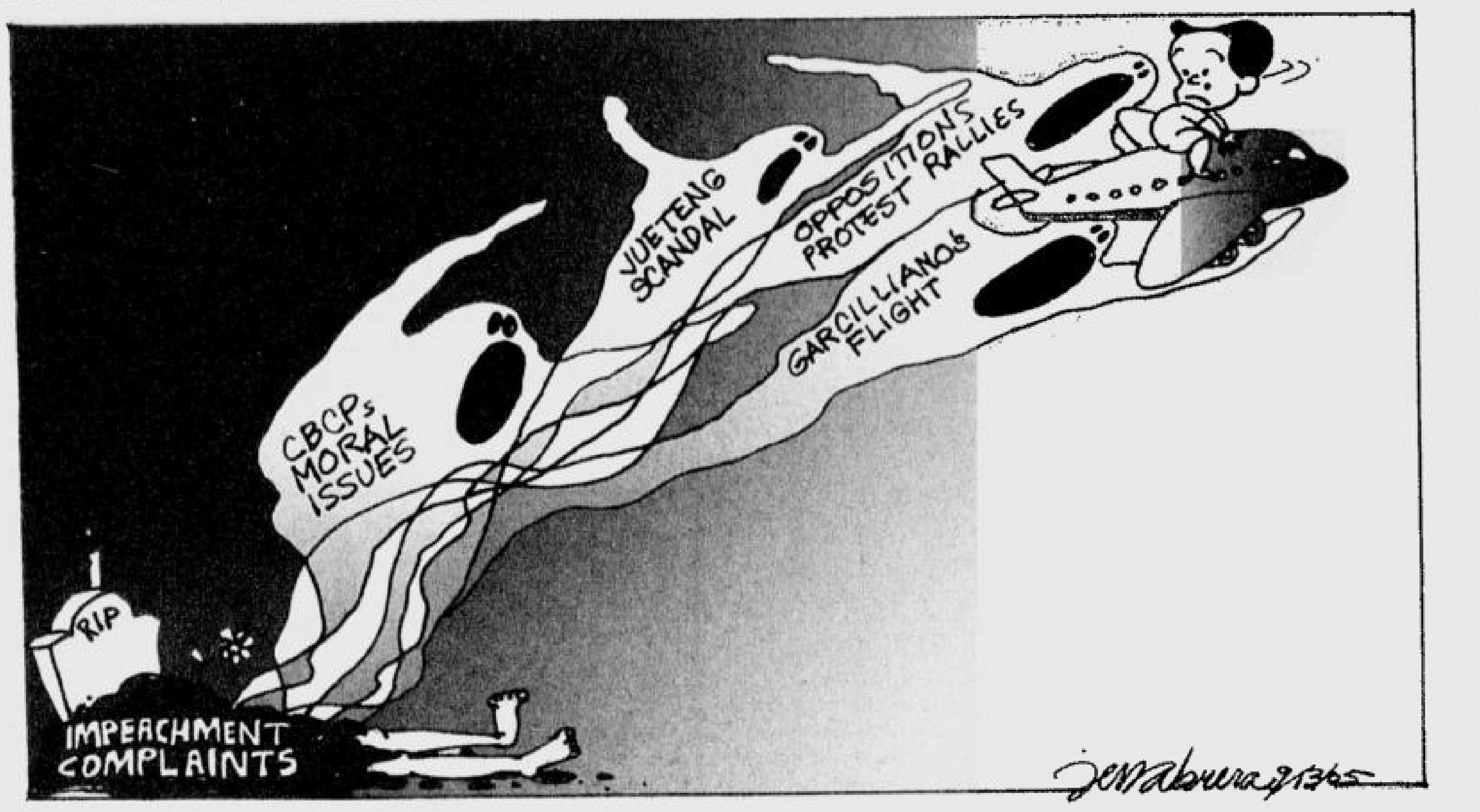

Dead issue resurrected

EDITORIAL

THERE'S THAT ISSUE AGAIN: TO BURY OR NOT TO bury the remains of the dictator Ferdinand E. Marcos at Libingan ng mga Bayani.

The other day, a group of Marcos loyalists said they hoped that a million signatures might move President Macapagal-Arroyo to allow Marcos' burial in the heroes' cemetery. They presented six boxes containing documents bearing the signatures to his widow and former first lady, Imelda R. Marcos.

First, let's be clear about this: Who is a hero? One definition: A hero is an illustrious warrior. Another: He is a man admired for his achievements and noble qualities, one who shows great courage.

Marcos' loyalists, supporters and admirers say that Marcos was a hero because he was an illustrious warrior, a great veteran of World War II who fought in many battles and won 27 medals. But independent research conducted by Bonifacio Gillego and the San Jose Mercury News of California showed that most of the medals claimed by Marcos were fake. That makes him a fake hero.

As for his "achievements and noble qualities," what were they?

His martial-law administration killed, tortured and maimed thousands of dissidents and militants who dared act and speak out against the repression of the dictatorship. A court in Hawaii has awarded $1.9 billion to nearly 10,000 of the human rights victims of the Marcos dictatorship but up to now they have not received any compensation.

Thousands more are counted among the *desaparecidos* (the disappeared), people whose relatives will never have any hope of even finding their bones so that they can give them a proper burial. They were among the victims of the dark forces of the Marcos dictatorship.

Many of those who were killed or made to "disappear" were the bright young men and women of the 1970s and 1980s generation-people who could have been among the leaders of the nation now. In a very real sense, Marcos robbed the nation of its future.

Marcos killed democracy and suppressed the freedom of expression, freedom of the press and the freedom of assembly. He closed down Congress, debased the courts (a Chief Justice acted as Imelda's "umbrella holder"), corrupted the military and the police and turned them into his private army. Marcos having let the military-police "toothpaste" out of the tube, succeeding presidents have been hard put since 1986 trying to get the toothpaste back into the tube.

Marcos controlled the national economy and turned everything into a family or crony enterprise. Millions continued toiling in the factories and in the fields, but the profits ultimately went to Marcos, his family, his cronies and his friends. And the millions and billions of dollars that they made were not plowed back into the national economy but were deposited in secret accounts abroad.

Because of the lack of good-paying jobs in the country, thousands began working abroad. The phenomenon of the overseas contract workers began during the Marcos regime. Teachers and other professionals worked as maids in the Middle East, Asia, Europe and the United States. Their absence resulted in dysfunctional families, with thousands of "motherless" children becoming hooked on drugs and alcohol and girls experiencing teenage pregnancy.

The conjugal dictatorship of Ferdinand and Imelda robbed the country blind. There is an anecdote that they were engaged in the "mining business." Imelda would supposedly point to certain enterprises and say, "That's mine, that's mine and that's also mine." That may have been a joke, but it is painfully true. The Guinness Book of World Records (under the heading "Biggest robbery") says that Marcos stole between $5 billion and $10 billion from the national treasury.

Marcos made a great family enterprise of graft and corruption, and if the Philippines is now one of the most corrupt countries in the world, credit the "achievement" to him, although succeeding presidents should also share in the blame for allowing corruption to flourish.

Unlike Midas who turned everything he touched into gold, Marcos corrupted and debased everything that he touched and interfered with. He even ordered the rewriting of history and the distortion of truth to make himself look great.

These are the "achievements and noble qualities" of our "hero" Marcos? And because of these, he should be buried in Libingan ng mga Bayani? If he's going to be given a hero's burial, Germany should also bury Hitler in its heroes' cemetery, or Russia, Stalin in its heroes' pantheon. Or the Vatican should make Judas a saint.

Paralysis caused by embedded ignorance

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

"MDG" IS NOT SHORTHAND FOR A DIFFERENT collar (as some politicians think) for that old mongrel, *jueteng*. It stands for something more important than pork barrel, city arrest or even a state funeral for a dictator.

"MDG" means "Millennium Development Goals." They represent eight targets that our pols and their cronies don't bother with. But they affect ripped-off Filipinos.

To ease "extreme poverty," the Philippines and 188 other countries unanimously adopted eight "MDGs" at the 2000 Millennium Summit. In 2002, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, confirmed the "MDG" pledges but tacked on new targets.

This second round included concerns, from water to energy and biological diversity. In the 1960s, this country concocted cyanide squirting as a fishing tool. By 2015, it must restore fisheries to maximum sustainable yields.

"MDG's chief appeal is that they convert high rhetoric into hard numbers," the Economist notes. Do our "leaders" (say, Erap, Jinggoy, Lito or Jejomar) know what they're committed to do? One wonders.

In a decade, we're to trim by half the number of those suffering from hidden hunger. That's about 28 out of every 100 Filipinos today. We're to prune also by half the proportion of those scrounging below the international poverty line of less than a dollar a day.

"Poverty is not merely the absence of assets and services to meet basic needs," notes "A Common View, A Common Journey." Poverty is "rooted in a state of powerlessness…that results in vulnerability," says this report on the United Nations program.

Infants and mothers are the most vulnerable. An "MDG" sets a cut, by two-thirds, in today's infant mortality rate of 29 out of every 1,000. The comparative figure for Malaysia is 8 babies. In Norway, it is 4.

At childbirth, 55 Filipino mothers out of every 100,000 die. In Thailand, it's 36. Reduce that by two-thirds, an MDG states.

In addition, we're to stanch dropouts, currently 33 out of every 100 students. By 2015, all boys and girls should complete primary school.

Due to galloping economic growth, China reduced poverty by half more than a decade early. But Sub-Saharan Africa will be generations late. Except for East Asia, extreme poverty will persist in other regions, says the UNDP's 2005 Human Development Report.

Based on present trends, most poor countries will miss almost all goals, in some cases by "epic margins." That includes a Philippines shackled to treadmill politics and stunted governance.

President Macapagal-Arroyo will attend a UN Summit this month focusing precisely on MDGs. How will she paper over our slipshod performance? Whip up *consuelo de bobos*?

"Less than one-fifth of all countries are currently on target to reduce child and maternal mortality and provide access to water and sanitation," the World Bank notes. "Even fewer are on course to contain HIV, malaria, and other major diseases."

Our "leaders" work overtime on street demos or yet more pointless congressional hearings. "So, who's minding the store," Sen. Joker Arroyo has asked. Wheeling and dealing strangles effort, tough decisions and innovation.

Mexico, for example, tackles MDGs simultaneously. It has a "conditional cash transfer" welfare program to provide for basic needs, medical care and children's enrollment.

Only five affluent countries have set aside 0.7 percent of their GDP for foreign aid, Worldwatch Institute notes. The knee-jerk reaction is to whine that the rich must jack up aid to poor ones. They can cut back on farmers' subsidies.

But Indonesians can't vote in the United States. Nor do we cast ballots in the United Kingdom, even with Virgilio Garcillano on the loose.

"Unfortunately, a victory over poverty is not so easily purchased," the Economist writes. "The rich world cannot pour a given amount of money into one end of an MDG pipeline and expect to see, emerging from the other, a predictable number of people freed from destitution and disease."

For countries with staggering IOUs, debt relief would be of great help. "My father was not responsible for our foreign debt," complains Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos. No, but the dictator was a damn good teacher.

For poor relations, like us, the essential task remains to tackle head-on inequalities within our own societies. It's a non-transferrable chore. And it must be accomplished, despite politicians like the Marcoses.

Ordinary citizens have to arm-twist their representatives to shift priorities. Practical measures to achieve the MDGs should command precedence over fluff like "victory parties" by a Panfilo Lacson. Redirecting a fraction of bloated government corporations to nutrition and schools would be a small but useful start.

We're not close to meeting MDG's modest goals. Since Edsa I, civil society has proved a vital sector in development. Education, the media and religion are "three centers of influence," Worldwatch Institute points out. They could help shatter atrophied official mindsets—an objective that the Left and communists have set for themselves in street battles to establish a Maoist Philippines.

MDGs seek to "end human poverty," the Human Development Report notes. "They'll not be achieved with a business-as-usual approach… Leaders are more likely to take the actions required for the Goals when there's pressure from engaged populations."

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Letter

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

LAST SUNDAY, AN AD APPEARED IN THE inside pages of the INQUIRER. I don't know where else it appeared. It was signed by Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and addressed to civil servants. I have taken the liberty of answering it as a typical civil servant might.

The ad goes:

"Malacanan Palace, Manila. To my fellow civil servants:

"Through all the periods of political turmoil in our past, the public servant has always been the great stabilizer of the nation and keeper of the people's welfare. Through this latest episode of partisan conflict, I thank you once more for keeping governance on an even keel.

"I seek an active partnership with you—from our public school teachers, men and women in uniform, to our medical and social workers, field personnel, messengers and clerks—those who wear the badge of public service with great pride and honor.

"Help me be a good and just President. Let us offer our people a fresh start by giving them the best services possible—marked by professionalism, courtesy and integrity. Let our team spirit be enhanced by open dialogue, more opportunities for growth and knowledge, and a system of rewards and incentives to those who excel in the line of duty.

"It is time for the Filipino public servant to take center stage as we bridge the gap between government and the people. I call on you to be by my side as we redouble our efforts to fight poverty, prevent corruption, and promote a system of laws, and not of men, for the greater good of the nation.

"Let us have a fresh start, based on mutual commitment, unity and teamwork. Let us lead the nation and serve the people, and take them to the threshold of a brighter future. Thank you and God bless the Philippines! Mabuhay!

"(Signed) Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines."

Juan de la Cruz's reply:

"Pagasa, Quezon City. To I don't really know what to call you.

"I don't know if your speech—or letter—writer was aware of the wealth of ironies he just caused you to mouth, or commit to paper. I half-suspect he was, noting all the virtues you lack and making you argue strenuously for them. That was probably his way of getting back at you for treating him most uncivilly like a servant, for asking him to fetch coffee, if not a freebee, during the times he wasn't writing, and berating him in public for his lack of dedication to service—the service of fetching, that is.

"But to the ironies. I don't know which is more ironic, the fact that my letterhead says Pagasa or the fact that yours says Malacanan Palace. Pagasa, as you know, means hope. That is something I am hard put to cling to the longer you stay in Malacanan Palace.

"You are right when you say that through the periods of political turmoil, the public servant has proven his worth. The real public servants at least, who are called servants not because they fetch coffee or lick ass, but because they serve the people. The real public servants have truly been the keepers of the people's welfare even if they have not always been great stabilizers. In fact, they have been the keepers of the people's welfare by being great destabilizers—of tyranny and oppression. I refer in particular to the congressmen who voted to impeach Erap, the senator-judges who tried Erap, and the congressmen who voted to impeach you.

"You are even more right to use the phrase 'this latest episode of partisan conflict.' This truly is only the latest, not the last. Didn't you yourself warn that if you ran for president, you would usher in 'never-ending divisiveness' in this country? At that you didn't mention cheating. You are wrong though to thank me for keeping your governance on an even keel. It's all I can do to keep my equanimity on an even keel each time I see your letterhead.

"You ask for partnership. Partnership presumes equality. I do not have a wife named Maria Pidal who runs around Las Vegas and sleeps in $20,000 rooms with I don't know whom, courtesy of the taxes I pay. Neither do I get to talk to God or a dead Pope. When Manny Pacquiao wins his fights, I can only attribute it to his efforts and not to my prayers. I do wear the badge of public service with much pride and honor. Certainly, I wear it with much toil and sweat. I see you wearing only a badge that says 'Hello Garci.'

"I do want to help make the President good and just. Unfortunately, he is dead. He died last December of a broken heart. I do believe in giving the people the best services possible, marked by professionalism, courtesy and integrity. That cannot be the professionalism Garci showed when he complained, *'alam naman po natin Ma'am, yung* military *hindi marunong gumawa.'* That cannot be the courteousness you extended to Acsa Ramirez. I leave the public to say if integrity is your middle name.

"I agree wholeheartedly: Let us give our people a fresh start, let us bring about commitment, unity and teamwork. Let us serve the people and take them to a brighter future. Surely you know how that can be done instantaneously? Please consult again your speech identifying the cause of this country's never-ending divisiveness.

"I will not say the opposite of 'Mabuhay!' It is bad form and produces bad karma. I will just say that I only hope, from the heart of Pagasa, that the God you are on speaking terms with has come to love you so much he can't wait to talk to you without a celestial divide.

"I would very much like to put 'Civil Servant' under my name, but I will be honest, a trait we all want civil servants to have, and not attempt to dupe you or the public. I am afraid I am no more a civil servant than you are the President of the Philippines."

"(Signed) Juan de la Cruz, A Man Without A Country."

Good news

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

THE RECENT STRING OF GOOD NEWS FROM the US was like welcome showers during a long summer drought. The nation rejoiced over the victory of our featherweight champ Manny Pacquiao in Los Angeles, where he pounded Mexican fighter Hector Velasquez to helplessness. Earlier Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista and Brian Viloria, who was born in Hawaii, also licked their opponents to help make it a fantastic 3-of-3 sweep for Pinoy fighters. Obviously, the rigorous training to which they were subjected by coach Freddie Roach in the past few weeks paid off. Pacquiao's victory especially is a good lesson for our youth on the value of hard work and personal discipline, and rising up after each fall.

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The other good news was the enthusiastic reception given by the world's parliament leaders in New York City for the United Nations' 60th birthday to the "creative" proposal of Speaker Jose de Venecia for a debt-for-equity swap. JDV has won plaudits not just from his fellow lawmakers but also from UN Secretary General Kofi Anan as well as leaders of the creditor countries. JDV proposed before the world parliamentarians that half of the trillions in debt of 100 developing nations, the Philippines included, be converted into equity in various projects in the indebted developing countries, like mass housing, microfinance and reforestation. Included in his proposal was a debt-for-culture swap, such as the developed nations' participation in cultural programs for poorer nations, including free arts education to the underprivileged, heritage conservation and the promotion of cultural diversity as a safety net against the homogenization on account of globalization.

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I read about a local economist downplaying the significance of JDV's initiative, saying it wouldn't lessen the debt burden. But I think that for cash-strapped RP, any relief from the payment of debts, such as a reduction of the amount we have to immediately pay, would be much welcome. How much more if we could reduce half of our total debt by converting it to creditors' equity in development projects here?

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A source in New York City recounted that a dinner given by our permanent representative to the UN, Amb. Lauro Baja, in his official residence brought together Senate President Franklin Drilon and De Venecia for the first time since the President's State of the Nation Address. Though they hold opposing views regarding GMA's continuance in office, they sat side by side at the head table with the ambassador. Baja said getting the two together was a "diplomatic coup," doubtless because the cordiality they displayed that night was so unlike the chill between them at the Sona. Drilon and JDV avoided any discussion of politics and talked instead of bills to be pushed in Congress. The warmth was also due to the fact that Baja is a *compadre* to both officials. After dinner, the guests repaired to the living room to watch the Pacquiao fight on TV. Afterwards, upon the initiative of Gina de Venecia, cha-cha music was played, doubtless for the benefit of the Senate chief who is opposing Charter change.

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Watching the Pacquiao-Velasquez fight and seeing how they went at each other mercilessly, I was reminded of the way the opposition has attacked GMA for "leading them on" with her dare to impeach her, only for her allies to throw out the complaint and block its transmittal to the Senate. I thought that what the opposition wanted GMA to do was not unlike getting Pacquiao to enter the ring and then walk to one corner, have himself tied and let Velasquez hit him repeatedly, without fighting back. If our champ surrendered just like that, he'd probably have been killed by bookie operators.

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When GMA told her opponents *magkita tayo sa korte*, it didn't mean she'd let them TKO her. It meant, let's fight in court and both she and her opponent were expected to do everything within the law, including wooing support, to defend themselves. The first stage was at the "fiscal's office," the House of Representatives, and there GMA's brilliant legal allies—Luis Villafuerte Sr., Edcel Lagman, Arthur Defensor, Mauricio Domogan and Salacnib Baterina and others—sallied forth to throw out the complaint in televised proceedings. Because her opponents failed to get the needed 79 votes, they're now saying she obstructed "truth and justice." It's clear that the only way their lust for her blood can be satisfied is by getting her convicted by a Senate kangaroo court.

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There are texts going around from the old allies of former President Cory Aquino who say they won't heed her call to go to the streets, if it would only bring back Erap or put Panfilo Lacson or Eddie Villanueva in power. Those texts sum up the sentiment of the middle forces which have, with few exceptions, refused to come out. One reason is that those urging people power themselves have to answer some unanswered questions. (That's the trouble with the opposition's self-righteous stance. Some people have suggested that there ought to be a people's court also to look into issues against them.) For instance, former President Cory is now confronted by media about how her family's Hacienda Luisita was able to circumvent the agrarian reform law during her term by issuing stock options to its employees, as well as the role of Kamag-Anak Inc. in the resurgence of *jueteng* after Edsa I. Lacson has to explain why the Senate committees' report on his PAOCTF's activities related to drug trafficking has not seen the light of day after four years. People feel that Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay has to answer charges he has amassed a huge fortune, just as Dinky Soliman and Teresita Deles have yet to answer the allegations raised by PDI columnist Victor Agustin concerning many millions of government funds they supposedly channeled to their foundations.

'Katrina' and the Titanic

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

AMONG THE MORE MOVING OF THE THOUSANDS of stories that have come out of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath is that of the group of seven children, led by a 7-year-old boy, found wandering along a freeway overpass along with thousands of other evacuees from New Orleans.

The young leader was carrying his five-month-old baby sister, trailed by five toddlers, the youngest of whom was just barely a year old, holding hands and wandering aimlessly. After the children were brought by rescue workers to a shelter, the questions on everyone's minds revolved around who their parents were and where they were or—a question they couldn't bring themselves to give voice to—if the adults were still alive.

Aid workers agreed the children seemed well cared for, the baby was chubby and healthy though badly in need of a diaper change. But they were puzzled all the more by this, for how could such caring parents have abandoned these children, who were cousins and neighbors.

A bulletin was sent out about the children, and for a moment there was hope when a couple looking for their missing children responded. But hopes were dashed when it turned out they were looking for an entirely different group of children. Days later, word reached the shelter that the children's parents were on their way, having read of this rag-tag group of young survivors on the Net.

Still, the question lingered: How did the children get separated from their families? The story was as heartbreaking as the children's rescue. Trapped in the dark attic of their apartment building inundated by flood waters and lacking food, water and milk for the baby, the adults decided their only chance for a rescue was by helicopter. But when the rescue chopper came, they were told that the transport could take in only the children first. "We were told to load the children first and they would return for us after 20 minutes," recalled the baby's mother. But the rescuers who bore the children away never returned, and the adults had to wait another day before other rescuers arrived. By then nobody knew where the children were.

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ENOUGH has been said about Katrina, particularly the scandal of the bungled and hopelessly mismanaged rescue and relief effort in the week after the storm struck that has led to more deaths than would otherwise have resulted from the already horrific natural disaster.

The tsunami of bad news from New Orleans and surrounding areas tore the veil off America's own Third World, a population of poor and disadvantaged Americans, the great majority of them African-American, who had been left behind and seemingly forgotten even as their wealthier neighbors abandoned the areas under threat.

Some commentators were even moved to ask: "Why didn't they just leave New Orleans when an evacuation was ordered?" The simple answer was that those left behind were either too old or too poor to move, and had no means of transportation. Or as a news organization observed, Katrina's victims simply were not like most other Americans.

There's been some political fallout from the post-Katrina scenario, with President Dubya scoring his lowest approval ratings yet, mainly because of the perception that, as commander in chief, he had reacted too little, too late to the crisis. But others observed that what happened in the Gulf states was only partly the result of poor management skills on the part of the president. Equally to blame was the stratification of American society, social divisions created by years of conservative economic and social policy and now exacerbated by the devastation caused by Katrina.

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BILL FLETCHER, who heads a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., in a commentary carried in the webzine TomPaine.common sense, likens what happened in the wake of Katrina to the Titanic.

"There is another way to think about the disaster: the steerage on the Titanic," writes Fletcher. "To refresh your memory, that was the section of the ship that provided the cheapest accommodations and where the poorest were housed. It was also the lowest part of the ship, the least safe and the site of overwhelming death. One may remember, as portrayed in the film 'Titanic,' that the passengers in steerage were literally locked in, trapped like rats such that they could not escape the rising water.

"Did the builders of the Titanic design it in such a way that they aimed to kill the occupants of steerage? Not at all. They did, however, design it so that if anyone was going to die, it would be those in steerage. Their deaths were acceptable for the builders of the Titanic. After all, those in steerage were considered a less-relevant population than the rich on the upper decks."

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TO FLETCHER'S mind, the same truncated set of values prevailed in the Katrina disaster. It was the result of decisions and policies made years before the hurricane struck, and based on the idea that "the poor could be sacrificed in order that the rich survive."

He adds: "There need not have been an intent to wipe out thousands of poor and black people in the Gulf. The assumptions about how money would be spent, what was necessary, etc., meant that in the face of disaster, the poor and the black would be sacrificed, and the rich would have their SUVs.

"So, it did not have to be a conspiracy, because, in fact, the game of US capitalism has been rigged from the beginning. We just happened to see the results in bloated bodies, crying and ill children, the devastation of a beautiful coastline, and the possibly permanent displacement of hundreds of thousands of people."

Could not these same reflections be applied to the Philippine scenario?

The islands of the south

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

THE THREE ISLANDS OF LEYTE, SAMAR AND Bohol saw the first efforts and became the most fertile field of evangelization of the Jesuits. The closest to Manila had two names: the coast facing inward was known as Samar and the coast facing out to sea was Ibabao. One of the first ship pilots described the shape of the island as that of a headless man with his legs cut off at the knees. The promontory of Espiritu Santo was the first new and happy sight that greeted navigators coming from Mexico at the end of their long journey. The promontory looked to the east and its whole coast was open to the winds. The cove or opposite point looked to the west and formed with Leyte a strait called San Juanillo (Juanico).

Between Guiuan and Cabo del Espiritu Santo was Borongan, a port that in 1620 and other years served to provide refuge for galleons seeking safe harbor from the Dutch to save the silver from the sale of merchandise and the *situado* from Mexico. Between Cabo del Espiritu Santo and the *embocadero* of San Bernardino were Palapag, Catubig, the island of Biri and the coast of Catarman which provide anchor and shelter.

Within the strait of San Bernardino facing east were the towns of Ibatan, Bangahon, Catbalogan, Paranas and Calbiga, followed by the San Juanico Strait. At its furthest point, going eastward, was the town and islets of Guiuan. It was here that Gov. Alonso Fajardo had two galleons constructed.

The island of Leyte took its name from one of the towns located in a cove on the western part fronting Panamao. The San Juanico Strait running north to south to that island was open to the winds. Here the terrain divided into two—Cabalian and Dimasauan (the name taken from an islet fronting it)—and had been renamed Sogor. From the *embocadero* of Panahon, Magallanes is believed to have entered the Philippines in 1521 and later Miguel de Legaspi in 1565. The king of Dimasauan was the one who guided Magallanes to Cebu and there he was baptized together with the Cebuano king. Here were located the towns of Cabalian and Abuyog where Tendayn gave refuge to the armada of Villalobos in 1543.

From Dimasauan or Sogor ran the coast of Baybay and Ogmuc (Ormoc), open to the east to the cove of Leyte. The most populous and fertile of them was the part that looked to the east from the strait of Panamao to that of Panahon. Here were beaches, and fertile fields. The island was divided into two by highlands that allowed it to have two abundant harvests. When it was winter in the north it was summer in the south, so that when one planted the other was harvesting.

There were many rivers coming from tall mountains that supplied good fish. Its fields abounded with game besides the domesticated animals in households and the cattle brought from China. Many root plants and vegetables were produced, while many coconuts, forests and groves provided not only fruits but also shade to the roads.

The island was rich in lumber and had good ports and ship yards for constructing vessels, but this was also the reason for the reduction in population from 30,000 to 8,000 before the Jesuits arrived. Eight galleons were constructed there during the administrations of Governors Sebastian Corcuera and Diego Fajardo. (The men promptly fled the conscripted labor.)

Leyteños produced wax, rice and blankets of abaca that they also used for clothing. The people were simple but skillful. Among their virtues, according to Fr. Pedro Chirino, was the fact that anyone on a journey did not have to bring supplies or money because no matter who it was they were assured of generous hospitality. Whether the harvest of rice was poor or abundant, the price remained constant. The weather of both Leyte and Samar was cooler than Manila.

Leyte bordered Bohol (the third ministry of the Jesuits in the Visayas) in Baybay and Ormoc. Bohol's southern beach faced Mindanao, and its most populated areas were Lobog, then capital of the island, and the peninsula of Panglao, which were separated by a narrow stretch of little depth that became dry at low tide.

Another populous town was Baclayon. There were once more than 10,000 families on the coast facing Cebu, but these were reduced by the war with Terrenate before the coming of the Spaniards and later with the Portuguese who came from the Moluccas and tried to displace the Spanish. The rebellion and uprising against Spain also decimated the population.

The island did not produce much rice but was rich in mines and river beds of gold. There were many palm trees and sweet potatoes of various types that supplemented rice. Pigs were bred from household ones as well as from the wild. Fish was abundant in its seas. From the surrounding regions, a lot of cotton was harvested and the women wove fine textiles that they used to pay tribute.

The Boholanos were fairer, better disposed than the Leyteños, Samareños and Panayons and had so much spirit on both land and sea that, before the coming of the Spaniards, one of their leaders, Varay Tupueng, boasted arrogantly that they had no equal. Even if many emigrated to other provinces, they still called themselves Boholanos, proud of themselves and making themselves feared because of their ancestry.

(Data from P. Francisco Colin, "Labor Evangelica," 1660, edited P. Pablo Pastells, 1904.)

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ANNOUNCEMENT: There will be a Centering Prayer retreat on Sept. 16-18 at St. Joseph Marello House in Tagaytay. For inquiries call 842-0201 (Anna) or 843-8830(Jazmin).

Rallies are not for me

YOUNG BLOOD

Mirasol A. Batoy

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

NO, I DO NOT WISH TO INFLUENCE ANYONE INTO agreeing with me about anything. I do not aim to call on people to march or not to march in the streets. I do not intend to meddle in the lives of others. I do not want to lose sleep over issues that don't affect me directly. After all, I cannot even attend to the mountain of demand letters from credit card companies, pleading that I settle my debts or threatening me with law suits.

Credit cards. They are everywhere, and they are haunting every moment of my day. Collection agents from this and that law office call me on my cell phone as I am rushing a report. They send me demand letters that drive my parents' blood pressure through the roof. They call our company's human resource department to report that I have been delinquent.

So I have to write because I need the extra cash to keep the credit card company from driving me insane. I need all the money I can lay my hands on to pay my debts. And these past few weeks, I have been thinking of various sidelines that would bring me added income.

Recently, I watched on TV a "professional rallyist" candidly relating how he had been hired to march on Edsa or Ayala Avenue to push for some political "causes." He said he did not have a permanent job, and he welcomed the opportunity to make some money.

I told myself it looked like a good way to make use of one's unproductive time. And I wondered if I could join. I mean, earning P1,000 for carrying placards and blocking Metro Manila's major streets didn't look like a bad idea.

Unfortunately, I have an eight-to-five job and rallies are normally held on weekdays. Besides I cannot keep myself from telling other demonstrators that my views are different from theirs and that I do not really believe the current political crisis can be resolved in the streets. No, it would not be a good sideline for me. Imagine having a news item in the INQUIRER with the headline, "Professional rallyist mobbed by colleagues"?

How did I get into this financial mess? This is not a simple case of wanton, mindless swiping of those plastic cards. True, I am one of the millions of Filipinos whose financial aptitude is way down there. Ironically, I am now studying for my MBA.

Having a deep passion for business and an insatiable thirst for knowledge, I enrolled in the course thinking that so long as my heart was in it, everything would just fall into place. Thus, I didn't consider the tuition fees, apartment rental (so I can live near the school and my place of work), books, living expenses, etc., etc.

I believe having an MBA is an investment, albeit a really costly one. Applying what I learn to my personal life may be a different matter, but I am happy that my studies are helping me understand more about business, economics and international trade.

This is why I think that protesting in the streets and trying to oust the President through people power, version 4, at this time would not do our economy any good. Street protests will just make our country look unstable, drive investors away and eventually make sardines unaffordable to Juan dela Cruz.

Even before Susan Roces gave her two cents' worth on the current political crisis some weeks back, a friend of mine who used to work as chief of staff of a congressman told me that the people's trust in the President was being eroded. He said impeachment was too mild a punishment for what she had done, and we ought to drive her out of the country.

I asked him who would take over the presidency and noted that there seemed to be nobody among our political leaders who had the moral ascendancy to serve as head of state.

He said Vice President Noli de Castro could be it—or Susan Roces or a military junta. He sounded as if he was just tossing names around without much thought, fixated as he was on getting rid of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. He was talking as if ousting the President was all it would take to stop oil prices from rising, the peso from falling, and investors from pulling out. I suspected that he was putting up an organization of sorts with people who shared his views and he wanted me to join to help swell their numbers.

But numbers are my Waterloo. In fact, I am so poor at financial management that my creditors are running after me. And that is why I need to find extra work and I do not have time to join rallies.

Things were different a few years back, when I did not have all these mounting financial obligations yet. I was privileged to have a piece I had written published in this section. Fresh out of a shocking one-month stint as a "congressional staff," I felt that I had to express my disillusionment in a widely circulated newspaper so that more people would be aware of what I had seen: ghost employees, monstrous padding of budgets, humongous personal expenses charged to the national treasury.

But I was younger then, and I had time to spare. In 2001, I even spent several nights at the Edsa Shrine to give my minute contribution in saving the motherland. I say minute because I believe it was the cumulative effort and the presence of so many people there that really turned the tide. I told myself this was real freedom in action, democracy at work.

Ahh, democracy. Are we really ready for it? We want our freedom, rights and liberties, but are we prepared to handle them? Are we mature enough to exercise them responsibly?

I am not about to propose any other form of government. I do not even know if anything would work for us. What I am sure of is that if every single Filipino would strive to improve himself and make his family self-reliant, then we would have 83 million citizens who don't need to ask the government for dole-outs. That's easier said than done, of course. But we must start somewhere and begin now.

I am not saying that the government does not play a big role in shaping our future. But ours is supposed to be a government of the people, by the people, for the people. Meaning that ultimately we are the most accountable for our own circumstances. Only after we have developed ourselves as good citizens can we expect good government.

We should begin by looking at the government as just a product of our imagination. Then we can stop blaming others for our plight and start working really hard, instead of waiting to be paid to join demonstrations. Before pointing a finger at other people, let us first attend to our own backyard.

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VCO can treat migraines

AS I READ CERES P. DOYO'S COLUMN on the "oil of life" (PDI, 9/01/05) as well as her Sunday feature on Dr. Conrado Dayrit (PDI, 8/28/05), I knew I just had to write this. When Dr. Dayrit came out with his studies on the effects of virgin coconut oil (VCO) on HIV patients, I thought VCO must have a positive effect on migraine as well. And I was proven right.

I've had terrible (this is even an understatement) migraines since I was a child. I am now 40 years old and the tales of pain and horror are just too much for me to bear and even imagine. I've been through hell and back in my quest to get rid of this malady. I've had a string of doctors, both quacks and specialists. I've tried western and alternative medicines, and hospital admissions. With no relief. I was going crazy. My spells would last from four days to two weeks. I was always cranky and moody. I missed deadlines, was always late, and was a total wreck. I only had three hours of sleep each night.

And then five months ago, I started my daily regimen of four tablespoons of VCO at breakfast with about a glass or two of coconut water. I couldn't be happier now. I am migraine-free! Too much to soon to be rejoicing? I hope not. I now get to sleep at least seven hours a day. These are the immediate effects I've noticed, but I'm sure there's so much more that I have yet to discover.

Since then, I have never failed to introduce VCO to my friends who suffer from all forms of sickness, particularly migraine. I even give them an introductory bottle. I have yet to convince my mother though to take VCO for her diabetes, since she is squeamish and could not imagine drinking oil. I hope there is something that can be done about the "icky" feeling. I've read about flavored VCOs, but I'm not sure if they would still be effective with the additives. Still and all, I would like to add my voice to those who have already benefited from the oil of life. Thank you very much for Doyo's article.

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Linking game: the coward's path

IF BUSINESS COLUMNIST VIC AGUSTIN and his sponsors have a beef with former Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman, they should be courageous and honorable enough to take her to task directly for the political decisions she has made. But they chose to take the coward's path: using strategic media space to bully women's organizations supposedly assisted by Soliman. (PDI, 9/07/05)

I founded the Women's Media Circle Foundation Inc. 20 years ago to promote the human rights and empowerment of women and girls through the communication arts, media and special events. We have received local and international citations for the feminist television and radio programs we have produced, and the campaigns we have launched.

We have also been fortunate enough to help organize conferences of some regional and international institutions working for gender justice and human rights.

This year, after several months of consultations and networking, we successfully launched the Centennial of the Feminist Movement in the Philippines. We are proud to say that we belong to a more-than-a-century-old tradition of activists, social artists and advocates of women's rights who have been fighting gender-based discrimination and prejudice in this country.

The Women's Media Circle has not had the opportunity to interact with Soliman, directly or indirectly. If we find our links with her it is because she is recognized as an outstanding and credible leader of civil society. It was this credibility that Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo recognized and saw as one reason to appoint Soliman to her Cabinet.

With regard to the project supported by the Peace and Equity Foundation, our proposal underwent a rigorous, almost year-long screening by different sets of board members, before it was finally approved in May. The amount mentioned has not been released because we first have to develop and produce the materials we proposed. "Sa Akin Pa Rin ang Bukas" is a project to promote information and the implementation of laws and policies for women: RA No. 9262 (Anti-Violence against Women and their Children Act), the Anti-Sexual Harassment Law, and others.

Finally, if Agustin finds joy in stirring up scandals by forcing lesbian connections to a respected woman leader, well, nice try. He reminds me of a former governor and warlord of the North, whose tortured wife sought help from us some time ago.

Now, shouldn't Agustin wish to state that the President is pro-lesbian for signing into law RA 9262, since lesbians were somehow involved in its advocacy? Shouldn't the Supreme Court, too, be called pro-lesbian for releasing that law's implementing rules?

You see, we can play the linking game, too. Lesbians and bisexual women could be everywhere—even in Agustin's head.

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'Grapevine' wrong on Tambunting marriage

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS NOT AN absolute right. News reports must be based on truth and facts so that they do not tarnish the good name of innocent persons.

The items mentioned by Victor C. Agustin in his column's "Heard through the grapevine" portion (PDI, 8/19/05 and 8/22/05) were unfortunately far from the truth and were published without prior verification of the pertinent records.

The documentary evidence in the case expressly shows that Ramon P. Tambunting married Mercedes Teehankee-Rivera at St. Augustine Church, Intramuros, Manila on Jan. 18, 1959. The marriage was solemnized by Bishop Hernando Y. Antiporda and witnessed by Antonio and Aurora Tambunting, Gloria Teehankee and Antonio Araneta, among others. Said marriage subsisted and remained valid until the death of Ramon P. Tambunting on April 22, 1999.

The marriage was never annulled and no annulment proceeding was ever initiated by either party during their marital relationship, contrary to the malicious insinuation in the article that "a Tambunting relative claimed that Ramon's marriage with Mercedes had been annulled long before the billionaire passed away." Likewise, if "the wife is claiming the conjugal half of the estate," it is because that is what is provided for under the law, given the fact that the property is conjugal by nature as the same was acquired during the life of their marriage.

The case is of a delicate nature—as it involves great amount of property holdings, real and personal. We therefore suggest that, before a story about the case is published, its facts and data be first checked and double-checked, so that falsities are avoided. This way, the journalistic objectivity of the columnist is also enhanced.

—ELMOR P. ORAJAY,
counsel

SMOG envelopes Manila's skyline posing hazards to people's health.

A deadly creeping environmental crisis

STILL, MOTIONLESS AIR WILL SOON BE upon us. Without the typhoons that blow away the smog over Metro Manila, we will again be breathing air saturated with pollutants. Air pollution is so bad, it is now visible. And it has been so for the past 15 years.

I am actually angry at the situation because we, the public, are kept in the dark on the real environmental situation in Metro Manila. The public has a right to know precisely the level of pollutants present in the air we breathe.

We have a right to know for at least two reasons: first, in order to enable us to take precautions against the dangerous levels of pollutants in the air and domestic (potable?) water systems; second, we need to hold our environmental agencies, including the NGOs who receive funds to guard our environment, accountable for the situation.

As early as the late '80s, monitoring boards were set up along the major traffic routes in order to warn the public to wear masks or stay indoors when pollutants rise to very dangerous levels. Fifteen years later, the boards are gone and the air quality has gone from bad to worse. Is this a way to dodge the issue? Are we doing an ostrich here?

Why are respiratory diseases, particularly asthma now so common?

What is the real situation of the La Mesa dam? Anyone who sees the dump sites of Payatas will readily observe that the pollutants from these garbage dumps must be leeching into the dam. Is our water safe? What accounts for the proliferation of dialysis clinics in Metro Manila?

Ignorance of the real magnitude of the threat aggravates the already weak enforcement of clean air standards and the ineffective solid waste management of Metro Manila. Air quality monitoring boards along the major roads and highways will be very useful in mobilizing public support for this threat to our health. It is time for us to realize too that we have a deadly creeping water crisis. It is time the public is brought into the solution of these problems through a sustained mass media campaign.

The public will be truly involved when two specific behavioral changes are attained in this campaign: solid waste segregation at home and disposal of old engines. We need concrete commitment from the public as a foundation of environmental management.

I urge the managers of the Air Quality Management fund of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to spend the better part of the fund on an effective well-funded mainstream mass media campaign; instead of once again investing funds in management enhancements and secretariats, research and the like that merely repeat things that have been done before. Without public education and commitment, the latter efforts will be practically useless.

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Moralists vs legalists

THE IMPEACHMENT ISSUE HAS divided the House of Representatives into the "moralists" on one side and the "legalists" on the other. Whether Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo acted according to the oath she took as president is more of a question of morals than legalities. The moral issues of the allegations against her—betraying the public trust, wantonly violating the Constitution and the rule of law, engaging in graft and corrupt practices—heavily outweigh the legal aspects of the case.

The impeachment is intended to unravel the truth that the people are searching for. Killing the impeachment process by using technicalities, as what GMA's allies did, was unjust. This act of theirs undermined the stability of the nation.

In any human endeavor, the moral aspect of an issue, political or otherwise, is superior to the legal or democratic "numbers game." The moral aspect is of primary concern in the hearts and minds of the people who are in search of the truth behind GMA's behavior as a president.

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Estrada denies ever having misled the Filipino people

THIS REFERS TO THE COLUMN, "Faith instead of fear," of Manuel Quezon III. (PDI, 8/12/05)

I am not surprised at the brickbats I receive from a number of INQUIRER columnists. Actually, I cannot remember a time when the INQUIRER ever wrote fairly about me. Still and all, a number of statements in Quezon's column deserve a reply.

If there was anything disastrous about my presidency, it was that those who should have supported my programs for the people and worked with me within the framework of the rule of law were actually plotting to have me removed by unconstitutional means. It was the Edsa II conspiracy that created a disaster in the political realm, the effects of which continue to be felt to this day.

If I may suggest, Quezon should perhaps leaf through a copy of the March 5, 2001 issue of the Philippine Graphic magazine. It carried a cover story on Jose Miguel Arroyo who narrated, in great detail, how he and Ilocos Sur Gov. Chavit Singson formulated their plans to oust me from office. This is just one example. There were other individuals and groups working along a similar path, the details of which can be unearthed with a little research.

I have never pretended to be a saint. Neither have I ever tried to hoodwink the people about my past. If I may remind Quezon, "the supposedly stupid majority" (as he so elegantly put it in his column) still retains its trust in me. A Pulse Asia survey clearly showed me with a 42-percent trust rating, compared to Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's 26 percent.

While we are on the subject of disasters, is there anything more disastrous than the state of our country today? A monstrous budget deficit that grows more monstrous by the day; runaway unemployment; non-existent job opportunities; rampant corruption, among others. None, I repeat, none, of these elements were present during my presidency. Thus, if Quezon would take the time to compare the performance of the current administration with mine—what with the availability of economic and financial data—he would find that the "disaster" which he speaks of is applicable only to the Arroyo administration and not to mine.

Neither did I "throw away" my mandate. It insults me and the millions who voted for me to say that I was careless with my mandate. The truth is my mandate was stolen. I cannot understand how intelligent columnists could make a habit of glossing over the real circumstances behind Edsa II. It was a coup that robbed me of my presidency. It was unconstitutional.

The only people who didn't want me in office and who believed I turned out to be a dud (again, Quezon's description) were those who felt threatened by my pro-poor policies. I never made any secret of my desire to make life better for the teeming masses, and that included barring elitist, greedy businessmen from exploiting their sufferings further.

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INQBOX

Choose one: (1) President Arroyo should be impeached; (2) Impeachment process will not succeed, street protests should oust President Arroyo; or, (3) President Arroyo is doing fine and should complete her term.

Pres. Arroyo shld. be impeached pra malaman ang katotohanan at pra maayos na ang takbo ng ating ekonomiya..
—zenaida caguioa, *urdaneta city*

we have more urgent concerns in this country
and i think I've already had too many aspirins!
—mary joan preclaro, 24, *antipolo*

president arroyo is doing fine and should complete her term since as of this time, i have not seen yet a possible option (alternative to her)..
—rey bimuyag, 30, *ifugao*

PGMA may n0t b d0in fine but i guess she shud c0mplete her Term 2 pr0ve herself. im n0t a pr0-GMA, but i guess everybody deserves a 2nd chance.
—ethel, 20, *burauen, leyte*

Pgma shud be IMPEACHED. bcoz she already admit it dat she is guilty.
—jun tumaliuan, 28, *tuguegarao city*

1. Impeachment wil give both sides d chance to present their case.
2. It is d proper forum 2 find out d truth.
—Gerard Gumban, *davao city*

Do you agree with the majority vote in the House of Representatives that upheld the justice committee report dismissing the impeachment complaints against President Arroyo?

i do NOT agree, d majority congressmen clearly railroaded d process depriving most their heroine 2 defend herself
—ben diegor, 39, *valenzuela*

nasa
taong bayan
na yan, e!

Yes! dahil yang desisyon ng majority ay nanaig nd talagang tiwala kami d2 sa tarlac kay gloria at marami syang natulungan d2!
—jason mamawal, *Tarlac City*

NO, it does not answer if Gma stole presidency, it only shows d quality of our House Representatives, complete in form, but lacking in substance..
—armond ferriols, 40, batangas cty

no, parang pinatay narin nila ang taong bayan na umaasa na mapaalis si GMA para matigil na ang paghihirap ng sambayanang Pilipino.
—celedonia balanquit, 24, *q.c.*

that was the majority vote, sorry, cant win them all.. Up to the people now to speak up!
Ceasar, *Antipolo city*

I don't agree with the vote..
—JAMES PHILIP NARISMA, 39, *iloilo city*

the lower House is an old boys club where integrity is a rarity..
—tikboy asercion, 41, *cavite*

considering dat impeachment process is a political justice, d majority vote wins sins d minority also did not get 79, i do agree.
—vir armonia, 56, *davao cty*

d Congress VOTE DISMISSING IMPCHMENT was d real PIPOL VOICE, coz each REP. CONSULTD deir CONSTITUENTS b4 voting..
—Tess Diel, 45, *davao*

YES! D majority vote is d linchpin of a democracy. If we can't honor results of votations; den why bother having a democracy?
—rene locsin, *QC*

I do not agree with the majority vote. The impeachment process was the legal way for Congress/us to investigate very serious charges of electoral fraud against Pres. Arroyo. She admitted to being the voice on the "hello Garci" tape. How can we move forward now, without knowing the truth? WE, the citizens, have to continue speaking out, and continue searching for the Truth.
—Tony delos Santos, *Malabon*

agree or disagree, does it even matter? No need to argue with the results. Have better things to do. Just move on.
—Stephen Wee, *Zamboanga City*

YES!
—louie m. diaz de rivera, *lapulapu*

No, have you noticed, nababayaran sila. sa biblia, pagka ang mali ay tinawag mong tama, nagkakasala ka. inamin ni arroyo na siya ang boses sa tape..
—james dayao, 50, *hagonoy*

NO! boses ba uun ng majority o ng representatib lang sa kongreso? saka paano malalaman ang totoo, kung di ito pinayagang ihayag & siyasatin?
—roxanne gale r. Villaflor, 17, *QC*

to Bukluran para sa Katotohanan, let's boycott businesses of Gma cronies! We did it 2 Marcos, we can do it agen!
—JAY, 42, *PQUE*

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Palawan sues gas operators over taxes

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—THE PROVINCIAL government of Palawan has sued the operators of the $5-billion Camago-Malampaya Natural Gas-to-Power Project for unpaid taxes.

In a complaint for collection of delinquent taxes, the provincial government said Shell Philippines Exploration B.V (Spex) and Chevron Texaco (Chevron), operators of the biggest foreign investment in the country today, failed to declare the real properties of the Malampaya project in Palawan. Because of this, the real property taxes due plus penalties amount to about P265.3 million.

Named defendants in the case were Facundo Roco, Spex managing director, and Peter Van Driel, in his capacity as finance manager.

Aside from the civil case for collection of delinquent taxes, the provincial government also applied for the issuance of a temporary restraining order/preliminary injunction.

It asked the court to issue an order that would "stop the operation, extraction, drilling and transporting of natural gas and its by-products being taken offshore of Barangay Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan," the location of the project.

The complaint added that despite repeated notices to Spex and Chevron, they failed to and refused to pay their delinquent real property taxes for the fiscal years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

But the operators of the Malampaya project maintained that they were exempted from all taxes, including real property taxes.

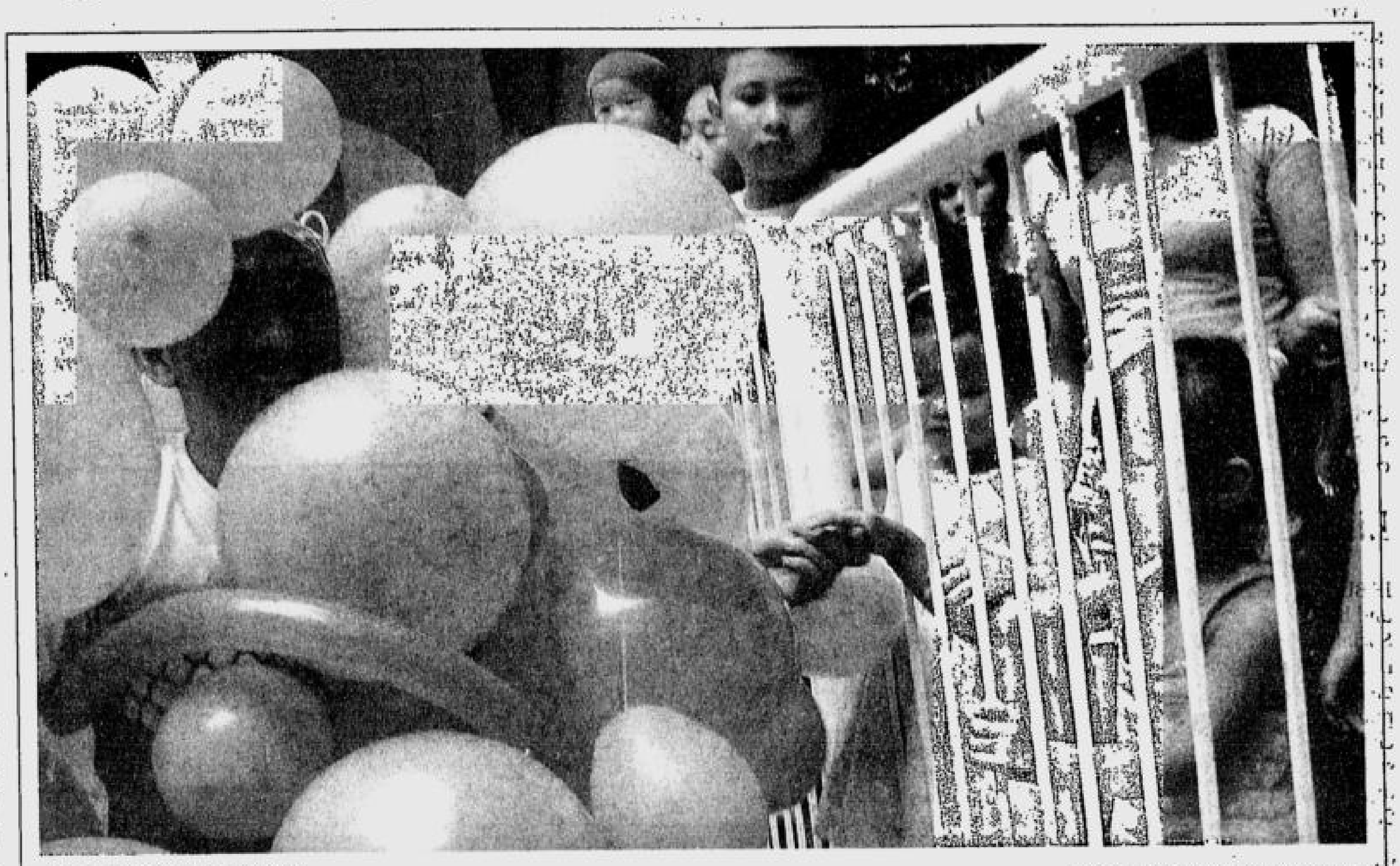
Service Contract 38 for the development of the Malampaya gas project favors Spex as tax exemption holder.

This means Spex is virtually exempted from all kinds of local taxes.

The contract was entered into by the Spex and the national government in 1990, earlier than the effectivity of the Local Government Code in 1992, which was the basis of the assessment of the provincial government.

But the provincial government said the operators violated Section 202 of the Local Government Code, which requires a company to submit a sworn declaration stating the true value of its property.

In March 2000, the operators installed a concrete gravity structure in Malampaya. *Jofelle Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*



BALLOON FASHION

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Festish Lester, a professional clown and performer, dresses up as a balloon man for a fashion show promoting clean air in Baguio City on Sunday. Lester was so popular to children who snatched up his balloon costume but not before he could serenade a young Baguio artist.

ROUNDUP

Meningo strikes man down

BACOLOD CITY—A 54-year-old man from Hinigaran town in Negros Occidental was suspected to have died of meningococcemia at a hospital here last week. The patient was brought to the Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital at about 7 p.m. on Sept. 7 and died two hours later at the emergency room, said Dr. Domingo Vega, CLMMRH chief. Although the patient showed symptoms of meningococcemia, he said it has yet to be confirmed by laboratory tests on his blood samples if he died of the disease. Still, Vega said the hospital had taken precautionary measures. The clothing and things used by the patient were immediately destroyed. Prophylaxis (preventive antibiotics) was also administered on those who came in contact with the patient, including his family members. The family was told to bury his remains immediately. *Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Pro-consumer group sought

PATAAS NG PATAAS! AW!

ROXAS CITY—A provincial board member has asked Capitol to form a task force that will oversee, monitor and check the rising prices of petroleum products and basic commodities after the Supreme Court upheld the legality of the Expanded Valued Added Tax (E-VAT). In his privilege speech last week, board member Ronald Exmundo said the provincial government should be more vigilant in protecting the rights and securing the welfare of the people from being victimized by unscrupulous traders out to take advantage of the spiraling cost of fuel. Exmundo proposed to name the monitoring body after Capiz Gov. Vicente Bermejo and call it "Task Force VIP" or the Vic Bermejo Increase in Prices Task Force. This, he said, should take the lead in initiating the filing of cases against illegal, greedy and unscrupulous businessmen taking advantage of the situation. *Felipe Celino, PDI Visayas Bureau*

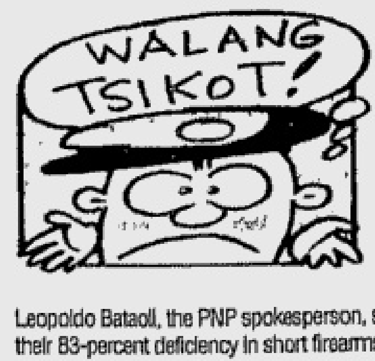
Graft fighter dies of cancer

ALABEL, Sarangani Province—The leader of an anti-corruption group, which has charged several former provincial officials with graft, died of lung cancer around 12:15 a.m. Sunday. Fr. Fred Maghanoy, 54, chair of the Sarangani People's Action for Reform and Good Governance (Spare-Go), was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer about four months ago. He was given by the doctor six months to live but he died earlier than predicted. The priest was instrumental for the success of the people's anti-corruption crusade in the province. Along with other officials of Spare-Go, Maghanoy initiated the filing of administrative and criminal complaints against former vice governor Felipe Constantino, former board member Marlind Marcelo and several other provincial officials and employees for the P46 million fund releases to ghost cooperatives. *Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Davao hosts finance contest

DAVAO CITY—The Ateneo de Davao University (AdDU) has agreed to host the Mindanao elimination round of the 7th Inter-Collegiate Finance Competition (ICFC), which is recognized as the country's toughest and most prestigious academic competition in Management, Economics, Banking and Finance. The Finance Executives Institute of the Philippines (Finex) sponsors the annual competition in partnership with the Asian Institute of Management (AIM), Citibank, Visa and Infocom. Finalist universities and colleges representing the best in Philippine business education vie to become the "Best Collegiate Finance Team in the Country." The best team would win up to P1 million worth of scholarships from the AIM and other prizes. The Mindanao elimination round will be held on Sept. 15 from 8-5 p.m. The schools participating include AdDU, Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Xavier University of Cagayan de Oro City, Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology, University of Immaculate Conception in Davao City, Notre Dame University of Cotabato, Notre Dame of Marbel, University of Mindanao, University of South Eastern Philippines and Cagayan de Oro College. The final round will be held on Sept. 27 at the University of Makati. *PDI Mindanao Bureau*

PNP chief bares woes


WALANG TSIKOT!

TRECE MARTIRES CITY—Ever wondered why criminal elements easily run away from police operatives? Director Gen. Arturo Lomibao, chief of the 120,000-strong Philippine National Police, on Wednesday disclosed that about 500 police stations—or about one-third of the total number of police posts across the country—still do not own even a single vehicle. Also, 16,000 policemen still do not have any service firearms. Chief Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, the PNP spokesperson, said they were currently trying to address their 83-percent deficiency in short firearms and 57 percent deficiency in long firearms. "You can just imagine (how some of our police run after criminals). *Kapag hinabol ang kriminal ng pulis na walang baril, magsusuntukan na lang sila*," Lomibao said in jest during the program held at the future site of the Cavite Provincial Police Office in Barangay Osorio. Lomibao also attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new station of the Trece Martires City Police Office in Barangay Poncho. "That's why we would be asking our congressmen to (act on our request for additional budget) once the budget hearings start next month," he said. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

'Cracker makers face relocation, fear industry death

By Carmela Reyes
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SA M̃GA BAHAY NILA ITINDA PARA SILA LANG ANG MASUNUGAN AT MAPUTUKAN!

BOCAUE, BULACAN—DUE TO safety concerns raised by residents here, the local government has yet to issue permits to the more than 300 firecracker and pyrotechnic products dealers in Barangay Turo to sell their items for the holiday season this year.

Mayor Serafin de la Cruz has not renewed any permit pending the recommendation of the Sangguniang Bayan for a relocation site for the dealers.

A group of residents in Barangay Turo, led by lawyer Soledad de la Vega, has renewed its call for local officials to relocate the firecracker and pyrotechnic stalls to avoid accidental explosions and fires in their community.

The Turo residents renewed their appeal to local officials earlier this year following the Dec. 31, 2004 explosion at a firecracker store in the village. The explosion resulted in a fire that killed at least seven people and destroyed millions of pesos of firecracker and pyrotechnic products and other pieces of property.

The residents said their right to live in peace and in a safe environment should be honored by local officials. They said the firecracker and pyrotechnic products stalls should be moved to an area far from residential and populated areas.

Avelino Mendoza, chair of the Solid Bocaue Firecracker Manufacturers and Dealers Group, has urged local officials to speed up the resolution of the issue because the industry is "running out of time" for the expected high demand for firecrackers in months leading up to December.

Dealers in the towns of Bocaue, Sta. Maria, Baliuag, San Rafael, San Ildefonso and Angat have reported a steady decline in sales due to the government's safety restrictions, the "*iwas paputok* (avoid firecrackers)" campaign and reports of casualties from accidental explosions in factories and stores.

Bocaue officials have identified an area in another district of Barangay Turo as an ideal relocation site for firecracker and pyrotechnic stalls. The more than a hectare lot is at least 400 meters from the St. Paul College of Bocaue.

Although the distance of the relocation site from the school complies with the zoning requirement under Republic Act 7183 (the law regulating the sale, manufacture, distribution and use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices).

De la Cruz said the opposition to the relocation plan made it difficult for him and the town council to decide on saving the local firecracker and pyrotechnic industry.

New Malaysian team starts monitoring truce

COTABATO CITY—A 50-MEMBER MALAYSIAN contingent monitoring the ceasefire agreement between the government and Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) started its work Sunday after formally replacing another group of monitors.

Brig. Gen. Ben Dolorfino, commander of the Philippine Marines 2nd Brigade and government's Adhoc Joint Action Group (AHJAC) chair, said in a phone interview that Maj. Gen. Pahlawan Soheimi Bin Abbas replaced Maj. Gen. Zulkipli Bin Mohamad Zain in a turnover of command at their headquarters on Santos Street here.

"Zulkipli was very active during his assignment days. Abbas assured he would do the same thing," Dolorfino said.

Abbas' team arrived in the country on Aug. 15.

Dolorfino said the presence of peace monitors in Mindanao safeguards the ceasefire mechanisms—local monitoring team, coordinating committee on cessation of hostilities, international monitoring team and the AHJAC.

The AHJAC is composed of representatives from the government and MILF, and was tasked with interdicting terrorists and kidnappers.

In a recent meeting in Darapanan, the MILF's main lair in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao, MILF chair Ebrahim Murad welcomed Abbas group.

"Every Bangsamoro will agree that the deployment of the International Monitoring Team marked a very significant progress in the peace talks between the MILF and the Philippine government," Murad said.

He added that since the arrival of the IMT last year, the number of encounters between soldiers and their forces has been drastically reduced.

"I cannot find appropriate words to express our satisfaction and gratitude to the outgoing peace monitors for their dedication, determination and efficient handling of their mission in the pursuit of peace in the Bangsamoro homeland," Murad added.

The IMT is part of the efforts of the mainly Muslim Malaysia to end the decades-old armed rebellion in Mindanao.

Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau

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Appointment to PNP No. 4 post withheld

LAPEÑA

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tor Isidro Lapeña, chief of the Directorate for Operations, has been recommended by the PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao, to become the chief of the directorial staff or TCDS, the fourth highest post in the 115,000-strong police force.

"*Pero pina*-hold (It was withheld). We learned about it last week," said the official familiar with the selection process.

"As far as I know, Lomibao has recommended him to the post. As to why the appointment was withheld, I don't know," the official said.

The official at first freely spoke to the INQUIRER, but later asked that he not be identified.

The chief of staff oversees the PNP Transformation Program and takes charge of implementing PNP policies. Lomibao headed that office before he became chief of the PNP.

Last week, Malacañang set off a rumpus when President Macapagal-Arroyo designated Armed Forces Deputy Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Edilberto Adan as Southern Command officer in charge, bypassing Maj. Gen. Samuel Bagasin, whom the Armed Forces Board of Generals had recommended for the post.

Final word

In an interview, Lomibao explained that he was still awaiting the final word from Malacañang on the matter. "There is no decision yet. We are awaiting the final approval of our recommendation," he said.

The retirement of Deputy Director General Ricardo de Leon, who officially left the PNP yesterday, had triggered the major reshuffle in the PNP.

Deputy Director General Oscar Calderon assumed the position of deputy chief for administration or DCA, the post left by De Leon. With De Leon's retirement, Calderon has effectively become the No. 2 man in the PNP.

Taking over as deputy chief for operation or DCO, Calderon's former post, is Deputy Director General Avelino Razon Jr.

Razon said he would, for the meantime, retain his old post as chief of the directorial staff (he headed this post before his latest promotion) at the same time that he was heading the DCO office.

"The positions approved were only for the DCA and DCO," Razon explained. "I will be DCO and OIC of TCDS at the same time. I believe the appointment (to the TCDS office) will be issued very soon."

Selection process

Asked why Malacañang had yet to appoint an officer to the TCDS office, Razon only said the choice of top officers in the PNP was a matter for the President to decide.

But sources familiar with the selection process said Lapeña was supposed to become TCDS chief when Calderon and Razon assumed their posts.

Asked to confirm if he had recommended Lapeña to the post, Lomibao said: "We are leaving that (appointment) to the President."

"It's up to her who she wants (to head the TCDS) because it's a sensitive post," he said, adding that a short list had been submitted to Malacañang.

Another senior officer, who also holds an influential post, said Lomibao had only recommended Lapeña to head the TCDS office.

Among other officers eligible for the post are Director Marcelo Ele Jr., chief of the Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management; Director Reynaldo Varilla, chief of the Directorate for Human Resource and Doctrine Development; Director Nicolas Pasinos, chief of the Directorate of Personnel and Records Management; and Director Rodolfo Tor, chief of the Directorate for Plans.

Yesterday, Ele was appointed head of the PNP Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Force, which De Leon and former PNP Director General Edgar Aglipay before him headed before they retired.

Taking her time

A third official said he could think of only one reason why Lapeña's appointment had been withheld.

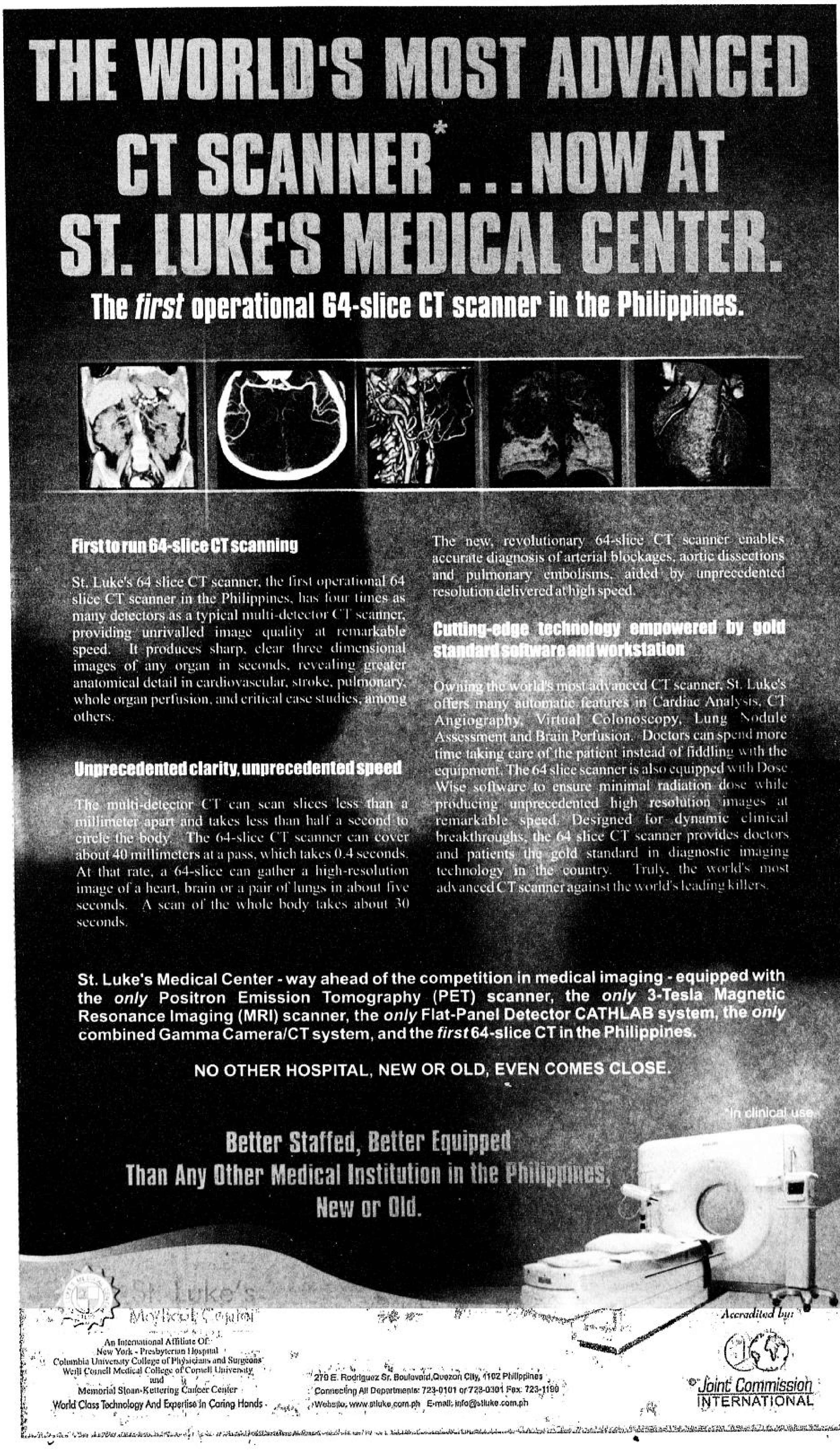
"The President is taking her time because other sectors might have recommended other officers to the post," he said. "Maybe she does not want to say no to them directly so she is taking her time."

"Lapeña is close to Lomibao. You know that because you see that they are always together. He is also very much qualified," he added.

He reiterated what other officials had said—that Lapeña is Lomibao's choice but in the end, it is up to Ms Arroyo to choose the next PNP chief of the directorial staff.

Reached for comment, Pasinos said he "is not interested in the job."

The TCDS office is usually given to someone who could rise to an even higher post, say the top PNP post, according to Pasinos.



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LGUs liable for road digging accidents

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work in their territories, the Supreme Court said yesterday.

"To our mind, the municipality's liability for injuries caused by its failure to regulate the drilling and excavation of the ground for the laying of gas, water, sewer and other pipes, attaches regardless of whether the drilling or excavation is made on a national or municipal road, for as long as the same is within its territorial jurisdiction," the court said.

Under Article 2189 of the Civil Code, ownership of the roads, streets, bridges, public buildings and other public works is not a controlling factor for liability to arise, the court said in a 12-page decision.

It said it was sufficient that a province, city or municipality had control or supervision over the area.

The case stemmed from an accident suffered by Assistant City Prosecutor Lauro Biglang-awa whose car fell in an excavation along Santolan Road in May 1988, fracturing his right arm. Police said there was no barricade put up to mark the diggings.

Biglang-awa sued the San Juan government in a lower court, which found the municipality and the Manila Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) liable for the prosecutor's injuries.

The Court of Appeals not only upheld the lower court ruling, but it also found a firm hired by MWSS—K.C. Waterworks System Construction—equally responsible for the accident.

Negligence

The San Juan government elevated the case to the Supreme Court, arguing that under the Local Government Code, it has control or supervision only over municipal and not national roads.

But the high tribunal said that under this code, the municipal government could regulate the drilling and excavation on all roads within its jurisdiction.

It also junked the argument that only the MWSS and its project engineer should be held accountable in accordance with an ordinance of the Metropolitan Manila Commission.

The high court said that although the ordinance made the excavators liable for, among others, the injury caused by its noncompletion of works or failure to undertake precautionary measures, there was no provision exempting municipalities from liabilities caused by their own negligent acts.

"Nothing prevents this court from applying other relevant laws concerning petitioner's liability for the injuries sustained," it said.

The court ordered the municipal government, the MWSS and K.C. Waterworks System Construction to pay Biglang-Awa P105,000 in damages.

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Match gave him away

MUNTINLUPA City police have finally pinned down yesterday the suspect in the killing of a Chinese businessman last month. Prior to his arrest, Arnulfo Sarraga, 22 and a resident of Tondo, Manila, met with Sen. Alfredo Lim yesterday morning to clear his name after seeing his photograph published in several newspapers, linking him to the death of Oliver Dy, said Southern Police District Wilfredo Garcia. Dy, 35, a Makati resident, was found dead along Olympus Street, Camelia 2E in Putatan, Muntinlupa City on Aug. 14. He sustained multiple stab wounds in the head and body, police said. A witness had provided police with a description of the suspect, and had matched the photograph published in the papers, said city police chief Senior Supt. Roberto Rongavilla. The witness positively identified Sarraga, a former bartender, in a police lineup. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

Unlucky swimmer

A 10-YEAR-OLD boy who was gathering scrap iron along the Navotas-Malabon River was allegedly shot by a security guard of a fishing company on Saturday. Police identified the suspect as Reynante de la Cruz ,a guard of Mega Fishing Inc. Police said De la Cruz allegedly fired at four minors scavenging for scrap iron bar in the area. Oliver Alinsoot of 147 Pitong Gatang Barangay Sipac was hit on the back of his head and the bullet exited between the boy's eyebrows. Based on eyewitness accounts, the victim was swimming when he was shot, police said. *Nancy C. Carvajal*

CCP marks 36th year

TO MARK the 36th anniversary of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), employees and officers of the CCP will hold a special program of activities today. Events scheduled today include a Thanksgiving Mass and a bingo social organized by the CCP Employees' Organization. CCP president Nestor O. Jardin will also give an inspirational talk. The CCP employees' anniversary celebration is being spearheaded by the CCP human resources management department.

LRT back to old sked

AFTER a week-long extended trial run, the LRTA administration has decided to revert to its original operating hours. This will be for both Line 1, which covers the Baclaran to Monumento route and Line 2, which travels from Santolan, Pasig to CM Recto in Manila. The new operating schedules: Line 1: First trip, 5 a.m.; last trip from Baclaran, 9 p.m.; last trip from Monumento: 9:30 p.m; Line 2: First trip, 5 a.m.; Last trip from Santolan, 9 p.m.; last trip from C.M. Recto, 9:30 p.m. The new operating schedules will give maintenance personnel enough time for track and facilities maintenance.

'Jeep strike fails to get support'

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PROTESTERS try to stop a passenger jeepney at the Quezon City Rotunda during the transport strike yesterday. The rallyists condemned the continued increase in the prices of oil products, and the ouster of President Macapagal-Arroyo following the junking of the impeachment case against her by members of the House of Representatives. JOAN BONDOC

THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT STRIKE WAS a "flop."

But this assessment of Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) chair Maria Elena Bautista of yesterday's protest move was belied by the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng mga Tsuper at Opereytor Nationwide (Piston).

The group said some 90 percent of public transport nationwide were off the streets.

Piston president Mar Garvida said the strike was supported by members of other transport groups and civic organizations, like the Anakbayan and Gloria Step Down Movement.

An affiliate of Kilusang Mayo Uno, Piston claimed to have 250,000 members nationwide.

"The strike was felt only in a few areas … Kidapawan, Davao, Angeles City and Albay," Bautista said.

Hardest hit in Metro Manila were Caloocan and Alabang, according to Thompson Lantion, spokesperson of the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC).

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Traffic Operations Center Executive Director Angelito Vergel de Dios said traffic seemed normal throughout the day.

Missing from yesterday's mass action that coincided with President Macapagal-Arroyo's departure for the United States to attend a session of the United Nations, were the Philippine Confederation of Drivers and Operators-Alliance of Concerned Transport Operators (PCDO-Acto) and the Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association (Fejodap), among others.

"There was no communication, but if there was an agreement among all of us (transport groups), we would have joined," said Orlando Marquez Sr., president of the Philippine Jeepney Operators and Drivers Alliance Foundation Inc.

"The situation remained normal," Eastern Police District director Chief Supt. Oscar Valenzuela said.

"We no longer want to cause trouble," Marikina-Pasig jeepney driver Tirzo, 58, told the INQUIRER. He said most of his passengers were also poor like him.

Marikina-Parang jeepney driver Prim, 46, said, "I would have joined the strike if we were blocked."

The Mandaluyong City Police said the only route affected was the Antipolo City-Crossing area.

Pasig City Traffic Management head Police Supt. Virgilio Fulache said only drivers plying the Pasig City-Taytay, Rizal route joined the strike.

Little effect

San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito admitted the strike was "unsuccessful."

Rizal Provincial Police director Police Supt. Freddie Panen said only three areas in the province were slightly affected: Antipolo City, Angono and Binangonan.

The strike failed to paralyze public transport in southern Metro Manila, said Southern Police District Director Wilfredo Garcia.

Jeepneys continued to ply their routes in Pasay, City Traffic and Parking Management Office head Florencio Mateo said.

Though Muntinlupa City fielded 10 buses and 31 government service vehicles, the situation returned to normal after two hours, said Muntinlupa administrator Henry Reyes.

The Manila Police District Tactical Operations Center said traffic was normal in the city.

Employee Darlene Zacarias, 40, of San Andres, Manila, said she did not even know there was a strike.

Yesterday's transport strike was largely peaceful in Caloocan City, according to PO4 Reynaldo Bunag of the City's Traffic Management Group.

But Rafael Gonzalez, National Capital Region president of the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng mga Tsuper at Opereytor Nationwide, said the strike paralyzed 80 percent of public transportation.

He said members joined the strike despite the LTFRB's threat to revoke their licenses and franchises.

Amante de Castro, father of four, said it was not the strike threat but his family that kept him from joining his colleagues.

Quezon City Police District director Chief Supt. Nicasio Radovan Jr. said the strike had virtually no effect in the city.

Piston-National Capital Region vice president Modesto Floranda said the big number of buses and FX taxis lessened the impact of the strike.

Wilson Baldonaza of the KMU, on the other hand, said the strikers were not asking for a fare hike.

Piston protested against continued increases in gas prices and also pressed for the President's resignation. *Clarissa S. Batino, Tarra V. Quismundo, Edson C. Tandoc, Jr., Jocelyn R. Uy, Tina G. Santos, Margaux C. Ortiz, Nancy C. Carvajal and DJ Yap*

Police release sketches of suspects in lawyer's murder

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THE MANILA POLICE DISTRICT (MPD) released yesterday artist's sketches of the two suspects in the murder of a lawyer Sept. 6 inside his house in Manila.

Senior Insp. Dominador Arevalo, MPD Homicide Section chief, said victim Victor Padilla's two maids described the gunman as 5'2" to 5'3" in height, 26-27 years old, and brown-skinned.

The gunman was wearing a white shirt, short pants and baseball cap, Arevalo added.

One of Padilla's neighbors described the second suspect as 5'2" to 5'3" in height, 25-30 years old, and dark-skinned.

Arevalo said the assassination seemed to have been "well-planned by apparent hired killers."

"But we were still not able to get statements from the victim's family, including his wife, Quezon City Regional Trial Court Judge Ma. Luisa Quijano-Padilla," Arevalo said. He added that Judge Padilla wanted to wait until after her husband's burial before giving her account of the incident to the police.

Padilla, 55, of 455 San Jose St., Sampaloc, was shot in the head while celebrating his 57th birthday with his wife and friend Vic Bermejo.

The lawyer died Thursday while being treated at the University of the East-Ramon Magsaysay (UERM) Memorial Hospital.

Bermejo said he was drinking liquor with the victim in the living room around 6:30 p.m. when one of the suspects approached and shot Padilla.

Bermejo said the suspects apparently entered the house through the back door, the gunman going straight to the living room while the other suspect looked out for the maids.

The suspects then escaped through the front door, Bermejo said.

Police recovered a 9mm slug from the crime scene.

Bermejo and Boy Padua, another close friend of the victim, said Padilla handled a number of "sensitive cases" that could have led to the murder.

Padilla's friends also mentioned allegations a few months ago that the victim was involved in a land-grabbing case in Cagayan Valley.

But Padua said Padilla had documents to prove he owned the land in question.

Policeman, pal nabbed for firearms sale

By Margaux C. Ortiz

A SENIOR POLICE OFFICER AND his companion were arrested last Friday for selling high-powered firearms near Camp Crame in Quezon City.

The National Bureau of Investigation identified the suspects as SPO3 Vicente Delfin, 52, of Unit 112, MB24, BCDA, Barangay Ususan Taguig and assigned to the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO); and Domin Lopez, 36, of No. 84, Road 2, West Crame, San Juan.

NBI Reaction, Arrest and Interdiction Division (Raid) chief Ruel Lasala said they seized two 12-gauge shotguns, two .45 caliber pistols, an M-16 Armalite rifle, a 9 mm submachine gun, a silencer and several rounds of ammunition from the suspects during a buy-bust operation on 1st Avenue, Santolan Road, Quezon City.

Lasala said the guns, which Delfin sold for P200,000, were all in "good condition."

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said Philippine National Police Director Gen. Arturo Lomibao had urged the NBI to file the necessary charges against Delfin as part of the PNP's "cleansing process."

Wycoco also expressed concern that Delfin could have been selling the guns to criminals.

"Law-abiding citizens won't buy guns from these sources," Wycoco said, adding that the suspect did not issue receipts for the unregistered firearms.

"If the guns fell into the wrong hands, these could be used for unlawful operations," the NBI chief said.

Wycoco said that apart from facing administrative charges like conduct unbecoming of a police officer, Delfin also has pending cases, including illegal possession of firearms before the Regional Trial Courts of Ormoc and Laoang, Samar, and robbery/holdup in the Pasig Regional Trial Court.

Lasala said they had received information from an informer that a certain "Rex" was involved in the selling of assorted long and short firearms.

After two weeks of monitoring Delfin's movements, the NBI arranged an entrapment operation along 1st Avenue around 10 a.m. on Sept. 9.

The agents arrested the pair after Delfin loaded the black bag containing the firearms in the NBI vehicle's trunk, Lasala said.

Charges of violation of Presidential Decree 1866 or illegal possession of firearms were filed against the suspects in the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office.

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Adan's appointment the President's prerogative

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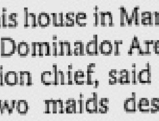

OFFICERS WHO QUESTION THE appointment by President Macapagal-Arroyo of Lt. Gen. Edilberto Adan as officer-in-charge of Mindanao's Southern Command (Southcom) should be ashamed of themselves.

In the first place, that's the prerogative of the President as commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces.

Secondly, the ranks from full-fledged colonel to four-star general are political ranks. This means that the holders of these ranks are there on the basis of their politics or the trust reposed upon them by the No. 1 politician, the President of the republic.

The ranks from second lieutenant to lieutenant-colonel are career ranks, meaning they are not subject to political whims.

When a military officer reaches the rank of "full" colonel, his promotion undergoes a political process—that of being approved or disapproved by the Commission on Appointments, which is composed of politicians.

Career and merit are no longer the basis for the choice of position of officers from colonel to four-star general. Trust and confidence of the commander-in-chief are the criteria for key positions, be it as brigade commander or as AFP chief of staff.

Therefore, Adan's appointment as Southcom's OIC should never be questioned because the one who appointed him was the President.

What's wrong with the present crop of military officers is that most of them lack discipline.

The military started becoming undisciplined during the time of President Marcos. The dictator spoiled them so they would not turn against him. He was gravely mistaken because in the end they turned against him.

Anyway, back to Adan. The reason many officers don't like him is that his name is tainted, according to my source in Camp Aguinaldo. Adan reportedly got involved in some alleged scam involving the purchase of computers at the Civil Relations Service (CRS) when he was its chief.

Next time, the President is well advised to make inquiries about officers she plans to appoint to key positions.

One military general who is about to be given a choice assignment, according to my sources, is Brig. Gen. Juvenal Narcise, now camp commander of Camp Aguinaldo.

Narcise was intelligence chief of Southcom in the most humiliating episode of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

In 2003, Abu Sayyaf bandits, with their hostages taken from Dos Palmas in Palawan, were able to escape despite being surrounded by Army troopers. Narcise recommended the pullback of troops who surrounded the hospital where the bandits and their hostages took refuge.

There were speculations that money changed hands between the Abu Sayyaf and some top-ranking military officers at the scene. But these could not be proved.

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Lipa (Batangas) Archbishop Ramon Arguelles told members of his archdiocese not to accept the packed food sent by Gov. Armando Sanchez for the National Day of Prayer and Consecration at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel convent in the Southern Luzon city.

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Spillway off limits

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF Rodriguez in Rizal province has closed the spillway in Barangay San Rafael to motorists days after a bus packed with students fell into a river while crossing the passage way.

"We have already deployed guards to secure the area," Mayor Pedro Cuerpo told the INQUIRER. "We will also start building permanent physical barriers to prevent motorists from using the spillway."

A chartered Green Star air-conditioned bus, packed with 56 students and two teachers of the Pasay City South High School, was swept into the Wawa River while crossing the spillway shortly before Saturday noon.

Many passengers were hurt, while Carol Borromeo, a 13-year-old student, was reported missing.

Borromeo's body was found the other day floating in the Marikina River, more than five kilometers away from where she disappeared, Rodriguez Police Chief Insp. Marlon Sapla said.

With the closure of the 30-meter spillway, visitors headed to the Avilon Zoo, a favorite destination in the area, could pass through a private bridge inside the East Wind Subdivision.

He said he had already asked the permission of the subdivision owners to use the stretch. The spillway is open to motorists, except when the subdivision closes it for programs or activities in the area.

But many motorists still use the spillway when crossing the Wawa River because travel time is shorter.

Several buses carrying other students had crossed the spillway before the ill-fated bus fell into the river on Saturday. Sapla said that when the bus stopped for a few minutes while waiting for the other buses to climb up, water could have rushed on its other side, knocking off the vehicle into the river.

QC cops under barangays for pilot project

By DJ Yap

QUEZON CITY WANTS TO BRING ITS police force back to the grassroots.

And this involves turning big city cops into barangay policemen, and barangay captains into "little mayors."

In a bid to combat street crimes more effectively, policemen in the city may soon be reporting directly to barangay chiefs, rather than their superiors in the police hierarchy.

For the pilot project, the Quezon City Police District will assign five to 10 of its men to each of the 24 barangays covered by the Novaliches, Lagro and Batasan police stations. The move is expected to familiarize policemen with problem areas in the community. QCPD director Chief Supt. Nicasio Radovan Jr., said the project would be launched in Novaliches on Sept. 15.

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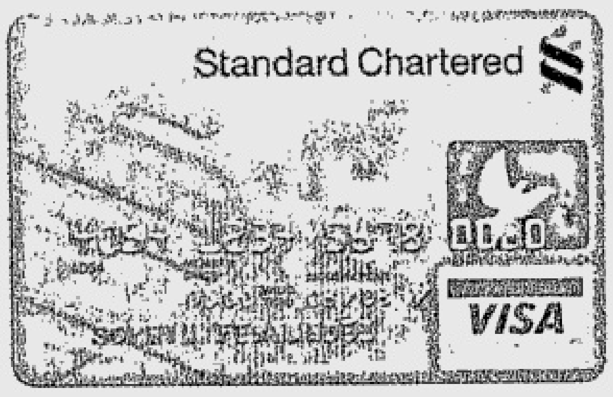

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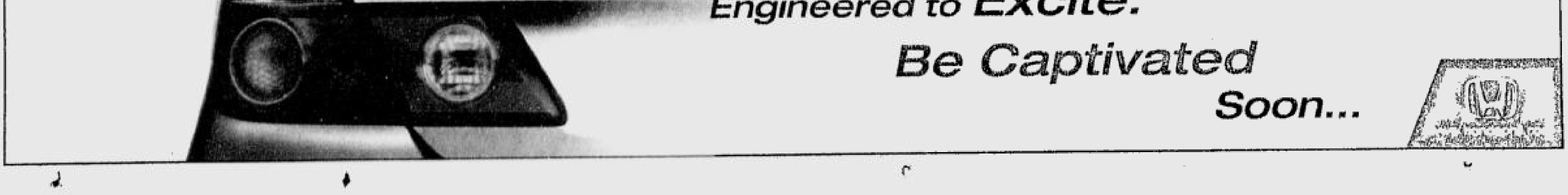

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Peping rakes Eala again on PBA board decision

COJUANGCO: PBA demand unwise

PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC Committee chief Jose "Peping" Cojuangco again admonished the PBA yesterday on the pro league's frustration over the muddled state of local basketball.

Cojuangco said PBA commissioner Noli Eala could not claim that the pro league was merely expressing its disgust when its board of governors demanded, in a statement, that the POC and the recalcitrant Basketball Association of the Philippines work together for the lifting of the Fiba suspension on the Philippines.

There are better ways, Cojuangco said, to express frustration than demand strongly for respectable individuals to abandon their conviction.

"I doubt if Mr. Eala or some members of the board of governors speak for them (PBA), or if Mr. Eala is merely trying to advance the interests of some individuals, including his own, much like the way he did during our basketball summit," the POC head said in a statement yesterday.

The PBA last week issued a statement, through Eala, warning the POC and the POC-expelled BAP that "neither our program nor resources may be utilized by any group of body for international basketball competition" if they failed to "work towards the immediate restoration of the active status of the Philippines with the Fiba."

"Some of the (PBA) team owners are personal friends and one of them is a close relative," said Cojuangco. "I have not in any manner tried to persuade them to rally behind us because I respect their individual positions and that of the PBA."

The tone of the PBA statement displeased Cojuangco and POC officials, prompting the former legislator to issue a strongly worded response.

"If Mr. Eala, who is a lawyer, wants the POC to treat the PBA as an industry partner, he should understand that it is not wise to demand, in no uncertain terms, for us to reverse a decision made by our general assembly," Cojuangco said.

"He is aware of how strongly we feel about correcting the basketball situation and restoring our good standing with the Fiba."

Cojuangco revealed that during the basketball summit initiated by the POC in May, he was made to believe that the presence of Eala and PBA chair Buddy Encarnado had the blessings of the league.

Much to his chagrin, however, neither of them was able to produce a PBA resolution granting them permission to represent the league in the incorporation of the Philippine Basketball Federation.

"We are exhausting all means to have the Fiba ban lifted," Cojuangco said. "Basketball stakeholders should not be overanxious because like them we know the value of this sport in the country." *With a report from Musong R. Castillo*

Another Fil-Am to boost ladies tennis squad

By Musong R. Castillo

ZALAMEDA

TENNIS IS GETTING substantial reinforcements for the battles of the 23rd Southeast Asian Games.

With two Fil-Americans already beefing up the national men's lineup, the women's side also got a second reinforcement in Riza Zalameda, a daughter of former RP Davis Cupper Rolly.

The 19-year-old UCLA Bruin has sparkling credentials, having been named recently to the Unites States Collegiate Summer Team. She was also ranked 378th in world doubles last year.

Anja Vanessa Peter is the first Filipino with foreign roots to be enlisted to play in the women's

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2 women's football battlefields

75 days to go before 23rd SEA Games

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL WILL HAVE TWO venues. The Philippine Football Federation was able to secure Fifa approval for the Marikina pitch, but is making things sure by also making the Ultra field a second battle fields for the coming 23rd Southeast Asian Games. Cathy Rivilla, the women's team manager, told the INQUIRER yesterday that PFF president Johnny Romualdez was able to get the Fifa nod in Morocco to use the Marikina field for most of the women's games. Since the Marikina field is short by several meters under international standards, a team has been extending the pitch, covering the government's bicycle lane with earth and grass in time for the Games. "This has never been done before, the Fifa told us," Rivilla said. "That's why we opted to name a second venue just to be sure." A check by Fifa officials earlier revealed that it was several meters short of international length. Men's action will be played at the Paglaum and Panaad stadiums in Bacolod. *Musong R. Castillo*

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Pacquiao vows hard training for rematch

PACQUIAO assured of $1.75 million

MANNY PACQUIAO WILL NOT take things lightly as far as his rematch with Erik Morales is concerned, according to the Filipino boxing hero on his website mannypacquiao.ph.

Despite Morales' unanimous decision defeat to former American Olympian Zahir Raheem, Pacquiao said he would train harder than before to get back at the Mexican in their rich January grudge return bout.

"I will prepare harder this time for Morales," Pacquiao said. "I will get back at him. That's why I will train for no less than two months for our rematch."

Both fighters are guaranteed a purse of $1.75 million in their Jan. 21 pay-per-view fight, a deal sealed even before Morales took that stinging upset loss to the American in the "Double Trouble" card that also had Pacquiao stopping Hector Velasquez in the sixth round Sunday.

The venue for Pacquiao-Morales II has not been determined.

Morales, who pounded out a unanimous decision victory over the Filipino the first time they clashed last March, was outclassed by Raheem in his first fight as a lightweight.

The rematch is set at the super featherweight class (130 lb), which is Pacquiao's new division. Morales, who fought Raheem at 134 lb, has to get down to the Filipino's weight class for their second encounter.

Morales is expected to be a slight underdog in the second fight, but the Mexican has shown a great ability to bounce back from a loss.

He also lost by unanimous decision to fellow Mexican Marco Antonio Barrera before proving his worth again with a masterful conquest of Pacquiao.

Pacquiao, the 27-year-old native of General Santos, overcame a slow start before getting through the defense of Velasquez with jabs and combinations in their scheduled 12-round bout.

He went for the kill in the sixth, dropping the Mexican to his knees with a barrage of punches that forced the referee to stop the fight.

"I started carefully because I did not want to get a headbutt," explained Pacquiao, who was hampered by a nasty wound over his right eye in his first meeting with Morales.

SHAKEY's GIRLS VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL LEAGUE

UST GYM, Sunday: U. P. Integrated School surprised Imus Institute in a 3-set match 25-23, 20-25, 25-21. *"It's about time my girls woke up"* said UPIS Coach Ramsle Esguerra.

In a tightly contested 3-setter, Colegio San Agustin sneaked past by University of the East 25-19, 18-25, 25-20 *"Thank you Lord"* exclaimed CSA Coach Grace Vita immediately after the last point caused by a net-touching error. It was CSA team captain Pia Sulza, Mara Manaig and JoAnn Neri who came through for CSA in the 3rd set despite heroics by U.E.'s Giza Yumang, Czarina Mitra, Mary Rosale and Joy Ibuyan.

In another 3-setter match, UST stopped St. Francis Bacoor 17-25, 25-25, 25-20. UST's fab-four Vivian Paguinto, Carmela Lopez, Kimberly Lazaro and Clarize Lucindo combined for 32 kills overwhelming Aileen Ayuman, Joyce Chu and Moe Raposa of St. Francis.

E. Rondon High School, picked up from a slow-start with Mary Jane Pepito, Paulina Soriano and Jennifer Hiponia scoring to stretch its winning streak over ICA Greenhills 25-17, 25-23.

The elimination round ends this weekend with a 5-header Saturday at Miriam and a 6-header at UST Gym Sunday. The top 4 School teams of each division enter a cross-over on October 1 to determine the final four qualifiers on October 2nd unto the finals on October 9th.

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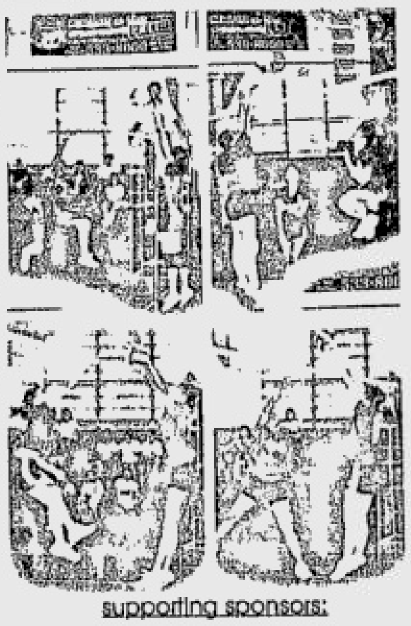

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TEAM STANDINGS
(as of September 11, 2005)

Group A	W	L
CSA	4	0
UE HS	3	1
DLS-Lipa	3	1
MIRIAM HS	2	2
PIQC	2	3
UPIS	1	4
IMUS Inst.	0	4

Group B	W	L
HCS	5	0
UST HS	3	1
SFAC HS	3	2
E.RONDON	3	2
DILIMAN PREP	1	3
GCS	0	3
ICA-GH	0	4

NEXT GAME:
Sept. 17, Saturday
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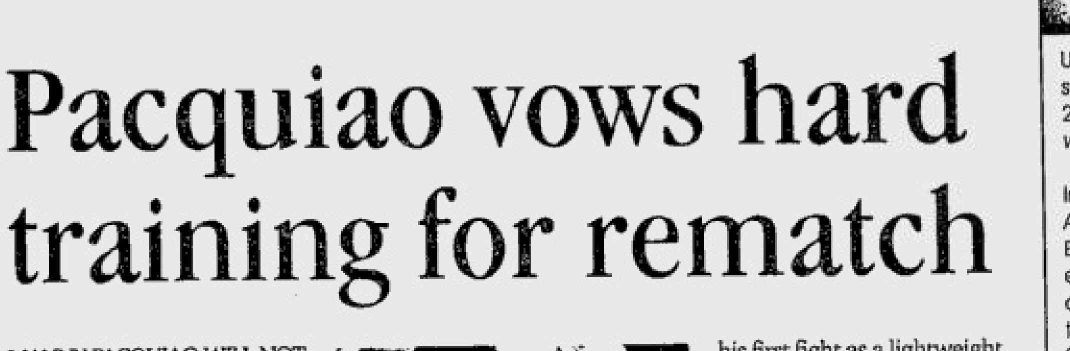
Sept. 18, Sunday
8am-3pm, UST Gym



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Federer whips Agassi, keeps US Open plum

NEW YORK—ANDRE AGASSI has battled the champions of three eras—Pete Sampras, Boris Becker, John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl—and now he puts Roger Federer above them all.

"He's the best I've ever played against," Agassi said after falling to Federer 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (1), 6-1 in the US Open final on Sunday. "Pete was great. No question. But there was a place to get to with Pete. You knew what you had to do. If you do it, it could be on your terms. There's no such place like that with Roger.

"He plays the game in a very special way that I haven't seen before."

Federer, a player of panache and unparalleled perfection in finals, withstood Agassi's spirited upset bid to capture a second straight US Open and sixth Grand Slam title.

Federer responded to his few moments of pressure by reeling off seven straight points in the tiebreak that turned the match around, then blew Agassi away in the fourth set to run his stunning record in finals over the past two years to 23-0. He has never lost in a major final.

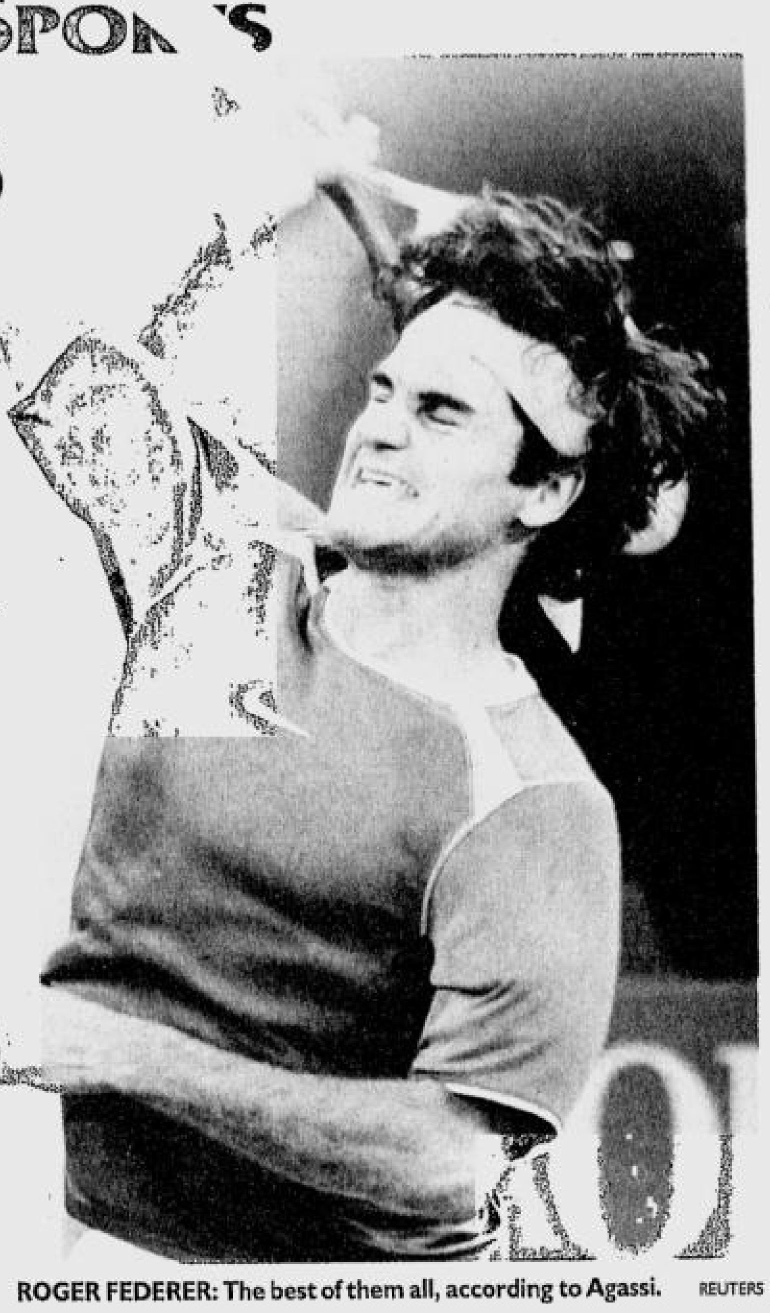
"This is probably the most special Grand Slam final in my career," Federer said. "To play against Andre in New York, it's a dream."

Federer moved into a tie with Becker and Stefan Edberg for Grand Slam titles among Open era players, and one behind McEnroe and Mats Wilander. Sampras holds the record with 14 Grand Slam titles, but at 24 years old Federer could well have a shot at that.

Federer, flattered by Agassi's comments, shied away from pronouncing himself the best of all time.

"The best player of this generation, yes. Nowhere close to ever," Federer said. "Just look at the records that some guys have. I'm a little cookie."

Federer earned the $1.1 million top prize. *AP*



ROGER FEDERER: The best of them all, according to Agassi. REUTERS

Calcavecchia snaps 4-year winless spell

VANCOUVER, CANADA—MARK CALCAVECCHIA snapped a four-year winless drought, firing a final-round one-over par 71 here Sunday to win the $5.5 million PGA Canadian Open by a stroke over Ben Crane and Ryan Moore.

The 45-year-old American, nearing the end of his 24th US PGA Tour season, won his 12th career title and his first in 116 events since the 2001 Phoenix Open by finishing 72 holes on five-under par 275.

"I honestly never thought I'd win again let alone a tournament this big," Calcavecchia said. "I'm just unbelievably happy. I still can't believe it."

It was only Calcavecchia's fourth top-10 finish in 22 starts this year but it brought a career-best $900,000 prize and came despite two over-par weekend rounds after he had opened a six-stroke lead.

"Somebody is going to have to find out when the last time somebody won a tournament making one birdie on the weekend. That may have never happened before in the history of golf," Calcavecchia said.

He had one birdie and two bogeys on Sunday but a perfect approach by Calcavecchia onto the 18th green left compatriots Crane and Moore watching helplessly, knowing he needed only two putts for par and the victory.

Calcavecchia left his birdie bid inches short, then tapped in for his fifth par in a row down the stretch to become the oldest winner in Canadian Open history despite going three-over par in the final two rounds.

Sweden's Jesper Parnevik was fourth on 277, one stroke ahead of Americans Jerry Kelly and Joey Sindelar. Fiji's Vijay Singh, the 2004 winner playing in his first event since suffering back spasms after playing table tennis, fired a 72 to share seventh on 279. *AFP*

NBC CAGING

Spring five, Tribu Sugbu gain semis

BAGUIO CITY—SPRING COOKING OIL-BACKED Laguna banked on the all-around game of Rodel Manuel to beat the Baguio Lions, 105-96, and advance to the semifinals of the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship Sunday at the UB gym here.

Manuel finished with 20 points, seven rebounds, three assists and a season-high six steals to power the Cooking Oil Masters of NBC president Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla and Laguna Gov. Teresita "Ningning" Lazaro to a semifinal date with the Cavite Insurers starting Thursday.

"It's a tough win but at least, they're already in the semis," said Padilla of his boys, who held off the Chia's Fastfood/Viacom Cable-backed Lions, 83-79, in the opener of the best-of-three series.

Defending champion Tribu Sugbu joined Spring in the semifinals by subduing Mantawi's Sparkling Nights, 79-74, also Sunday at the Mandaue Sports Center.

Boyet Guerrero's triple with a minute left and Doroteo Almacin's two free throws clinched Tribu's win in the Southern tournament.

Tribu coach Al Solis attributed the win to his boys' great determination.

Over at the Corpu Christi gym in Cagayan de Oro, frontrunning Ozamiz fell to the Stars, 90-99, in a stunning reversal. But it did not hurt Ozamiz's title bid as Mayor Reynaldo Parojinog's Cotta Shrine cagers are already in the Southern Conference semis, together with Tribu.

Diaz powers Lions to 4th title

AMADO DIAZ SMASHED TWO RECORDS as San Beda swimmers completed a rare "four-peat" in the 81st National Collegiate Athletic Association season at the Aquatic Center of the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex recently.

Diaz tied three other NCAA marks, including the 400-meter individual medley, as the Lions dominated the competition in the seniors division to finish with a total of 770 points.

The 21-year-old San Beda star broke the 400-m freestyle record of 4 minutes 28 seconds by submitting 4:27.88, as well as the 2:18.90 in the 200-m individual medley with a time of 2:18.18.

He tied the meet's record in the 100 backstroke (1:03.19), 200 backstroke (2:16.97) and 400 IM 4:57.32).

Philippine Christian U landed second with 634.5 points, while last year's runner-up, College of St. Benilde, ended up third with 323.25. San Sebastian College placed fourth with 277.25 and Mapua fifth with 201.

CSB retained the high school title after collecting 671.5 points. University of Perpetual Help Dalta System finished second (598), SSC-R third (474), SBC fourth (247.5) and PCU fifth (115.5).

In volleyball, defending champion San Sebastian, PCU and Letran shared top spot in the men's division with 5-1 cards. SBC was fourth at 3-3, followed by last year's runner-up CSB (2-4), Perpetual (1-5) and Jose Rizal U (0-6).

In the distaff side, the reigning champion Dolphins and the Stags were tied for the lead with similar 3-1 cards.

Another Fil-Am for women's tennis squad

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competition. The 16-year-old, whose father is German, campaigns in a circuit in Germany.

Tennis will be staking seven gold medals and the Philippine Tennis Association said that it is eyeing at least four golds, counting two in the men's side where ATP campaigners Cecil Mamiit and Eric Taino are entered.

Thai superstar Paradorn Schrichipan has opted to skip the Games in favor of the money-rich ATP Tour.

Zalameda is a 5-foot-4 college freshman. Her father Rolly played alongside Raymund Suarez and Rod Rafael in the 1980s.

Yanks lift Cup

CARMEL, INDIANA—THE UNITED STATES won back the Solheim Cup from Europe 15 1/2-12 1/2 on Sunday, and picked up a new star along the way.

Paula Creamer, the 19-year-old rookie who all but guaranteed a victory two weeks ago, backed it up with a crushing victory over Laura Davies that set the tone for an American rout in singles.

The Americans won six of the first seven matches and were leading 14-10 when Meg Mallon clinched the cup with a par putt on the 16th hole for a 2-up lead, assuring them at least the 14 1/2 points required to win and keep their record perfect at home. Mallon took the next hole with a par to finish a 3-and-1 win over Karen Stupples, and the celebration was on. *AP*

Coseteng sweeps PNTC races

ROSARIO, BATANGAS—DEFENDING CHAMPION Jody Coseteng of San Miguel Beer displayed consistency and grit to score another sweep in the fifth leg at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas, on Sunday and beef up his chances for a fifth straight crown in the Petron National Touring Car Championship.

Coseteng ran smooth and clean in posting the fastest lap times in the two races to pad his lead with 137 points.

In other races, Nico Montinola made it back-to-back in Class A with a time of 11:55336; Eric Banogon ruled Class B in 12:00.465; and Leo Briones topped Class C with 12:09.276.

The morning 12-lap race saw Coseteng breezed through the track with the fastest lap of 1:52.964 to finish with a time of 45 minutes and 15.299 seconds.

Coseteng was even better in the afternoon race with a best lap of 1:52.463 to claim the overall top spot with a total time of 35 minutes and 24.036 seconds.

Philip Alvendia of A3 Motorsports-Malayan Automaster National Touring Team took runner-up honors in both races with the Olongapo-based Buddy Rutledge settling for third place.

Renan Morales beat Bingo Valero and Izmael Icasas in the Petron Junior Touring Car race.

SPORTSWATCH

Castañares, Japanese in technical draw

WORLD Boxing Foundation junior welterweight champion Dindo Castañares figured in a first-round technical draw with Japanese Daigoro Yamamoto due to an accidental clash of heads in their scheduled 10-rounder Sunday night at the IMP Hall in Osaka, Japan. Yamamoto, Japan's no. 3 super-welterweight and a stablemate of WBC superfly king Masamori Tokuyama, suffered a nasty cut in his left eyebrow, forcing the referee to stop the bout at the 1:20 mark on the advice of the ring physician. Castañares now has 16 wins, 3 losses and 2 draws, with 12 KOs, while Yamamoto is 9-2-3, 7 KOs. In the undercard, Filipino Jojo Bardon, stopped Japanese Yasuyuki Kodama 42 seconds into the third round, after a Bardon blow produced a deep cut on the Japanese. Another Filipino, Robert Dalisay, was not as lucky as he was decisioned over 10 rounds by Japanese Nobuto Ikehara. *Salven L. Lagumbay*

RAPESCAPADE

GRAPESCAPADE RACE: The one-of-a-kind Grapescapade 2005 Culinary Adventure Race, featuring teams that will go through a series of obstacles in and around Metro Manila in a 3-hour race on Oct. 2, is launched recently by (from left) event organizer and PR consultant Tom Canchela, Synergy Asia managing director Mandy Saracho (Philippine representative of Fresh California Grapes) and director of operations Evelyn Mercurio and event coordinator Gerlie Candado. Students of culinary arts or related courses may join teams vying for top cash prizes. Adventure events include swimming, rappelling, wall climbing and running.

San Juan Coliseum grand opening today

THE NEWLY REBUILT San Juan Coliseum, now fully air-conditioned and with a bigger seating capacity of 3,000, will have its grand opening today via the GCAP Super Big Event 8-Stag Derby sponsored by Sagupaan Complexor 3000. The venue boasts of modern facilities. Patrick Antonio confirmed the participation of his fellow GCAP members, among them national boxing icon Manny Pacquiao, Rep. Gerry "Boy" Espina, Gerry Ramos, Boy de Roca, two-time world champion William Go, Big Event I and II champion Dicky Lim, Mayor Nene Aguilar, Tony Lasala, Benjie Lim and Jun Topacio. The derby starts at 3 p.m. with at least 70 fights. For inquiries, call the SJC offices at 725-5665, 725-5369 or 727-7086.

Big derbies slated at Cainta Coliseum

THE NEW Cainta Coliseum, now managed by Rizal cockers Sam Mendoza and Aba Badiola, has lined up two big stagfests. A 4-stag derby unfolds on Sept. 19 with Boyet Luna as host. For an entry fee of P8,800, the guaranteed prize is P300,000. Slated on Oct. 11 is the Invitational 5-Stag Daytime Derby which offers a guaranteed prize of P500,000. Hosts are Aba Badiola, Beng and Sam Mendoza. Stags with wingbands of NCA, Bakbakan, LGBA, GF-BAN, KGBI, NSI, Pagba, Migba and Balbina are accepted but will be re-screened for classification. For inquiries, call 655-3334, 0918-2620338, 0915-5656100 or 0915 -5418794.

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Day of National Pride

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

WE JUST HAD A TRIPLE CROWN AFFAIR.

But oops no, it didn't happen at the racetracks, fellas. That's for the likes of our "Silver Story" and, yes, America's "Affirmed." If you want some more of horseracing stuff, ask Edwin Villanueva, our resident expert on the "sport of kings."

The feat can also be called a Grand Slam.

But oops again no, it didn't happen at the basketball court. That's for the likes of Crispa, San Miguel Beer and Alaska in the PBA.

It's a Triple Crown, yes.

It's also a Grand Slam, yes.

But this time, it all happened in boxing. And, yes, all three victories happened in just half a day.

Music please, maestro?

Play, "We Say Mabuhay! We Say Mabuhay!"

Never mind that it fell on the birthday of the fallen dictator Marcos, Sept. 11.

In these times of political turmoil coupled with economic turbulence, set aside our worries, our angst, and let the heart rejoice and forget life's travesties and tragedies.

Each day has its own unique way of pleasing, displeasing, us mortals of this world.

And so, hep-hep-hooray to Rey Bautista, Brian Viloria and Manny Pacquiao! The Filipino boxers won their fights on Sunday, Sept. 11 (Saturday in Los Angeles) and, in the process, made us proud once more as a Filipino performing on the world stage.

If I know my history, it marked the first time that three Filipino professional boxers won on the same card on the same day of the year. And all three were scored against three Latinos at that.

First, Bautista, 19, aptly monikered "Boom! Boom!" for his explosive fists, knocked out Felix Flores Murillo of Colombia in the third round of their bantamweight bout scheduled for eight.

Second, Viloria, 24, raised in Waipahu by Ilocano parents from Narvacan and Sta. Maria in Ilocos Sur thus the moniker "Hawaiian Punch," stopped defending champion Eric Ortiz of Mexico City with a second left in the first round to capture the WBC light flyweight crown.

And, finally, Pacquiao, the most famous of the three with his ring name "Pacman" screamingly embroidered on the waist of his trunks, put away Hector Velasquez of Tijuana, Mexico, in the sixth round to clinch the 130-pound WBC International title.

It can't be any better than that. More than anything, it was a Day of National Pride and if GMA is looking for a day to celebrate a holiday more fitting than her Sona, this should be it.

"Cheers to the Filipino people!" screamed Secretary Ed Pamintuan, materializing at the door of a packed room watching the Pacquiao fight right after Pacquiao was declared winner by TKO. Ed's arms were raised up high, fists closed, and the only ones lacking were tears in his eyes to accentuate the jubilation oozing from his heart. He would embrace me later, and I could feel his heart pounding frenetically, palms moist, body shaking a bit from the electric thrill of it all.

There wasn't a show of instant emotion such as that from someone so overwhelmed and hungering for national redemption amid all the seeming helplessness on the national psyche.

Among those in the private room that Dennis Uy, Ed's dear buddy, had invited for exclusive viewing of the pay-per-view fight inside Angeles City's posh Spencer's restaurant were Ed Picson, Dennis Principe, Bruce McTavish, Chito Salud (he was with his wife and their handsome son), Louie Visorde, balikbayans Franklin and Cora Leonor, Joven and Elvie Florido, Ching Fernandez and Sol F. Juvida. And oh, how sumptuous was the menu that Miniang Pamintuan had served—fried *hito*, *burong hipon* to be wrapped on mustard leaves, chicken adobo, grilled pork, pork *sinigang sa bayabas* with *kangkong* and *gabi* and, yes, the best *sisig* in the world. Hey, Miniang dear, take a bow, please?

If there was one day to remember one Great Filipino Day to live by, this was it. Even the President sensed its immensity and made a go of it and grabbed the opportunity to use it to rally the people to her cause—never mind if it was a dying cause as seen by the two widows: Tita Cory & Susan Roces.

Sports has always been known to soothe the frayed nerves of a nation, if not perennially used as a weapon for stagnating politicians to prop up their image.

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FASTBREAK. "Perfect! Am happy with the surgery!" That was a text message for me from Dr. Tony Calanoc of Asian Hospital. Dr. Calanoc it was who did a hip surgery yesterday on Wolen Superal, the reigning 11-12 world junior golf champion. More than the successful operation, let's all give Dr. Calanoc a warmer applause for not receiving a single centavo for the surgery. God bless you, Doctor.

Hollywood dream on hold

DOLLYWOOD

Dolly Ann Carvajal

CESAR MONTANO IS taking a break from the pursuit of his Hollywood dream. The multi-awarded actor is flying back home to fulfill the "dreams and fantasies" of women of all ages and persuasions via a "naughty" concert with **Rico J Puno** and **Willie Revillame** at the Araneta Coliseum on Sept. 16.

The show is aptly called "Bedroom Boys." Cesar, **Rico J** and Willie will be joined by **Francine Prieto, Anna Leah Javier** and **Jenine Desiderio.** I asked Buboy's stunning wife **Sunshine Cruz** if she wouldn't have jealousy attacks seeing him "flirt" with the sexy stars onstage. She smiled and said, "I never prohibit Buboy from doing anything as long as it's required of him. It's part of his job as an artist. I'm excited *na nga* to see the *kapilyuhan na gagawin niya* with Rico and Willie. Riot *talaga 'yan* for sure since they are all naughty by nature. Good clean fun *lang naman!*"

If she were not pregnant, Shine would most probably join Buboy in the show. "I miss singing," she said. "*Kahit 1 song lang kakanta ako*. But I'm preggy and fat right now. So I'll just be in the audience to support Buboy. This is first major concert."

Shine shared with us their "bedroom rituals":

"Buboy wears *sando* and boxer shorts to sleep. He's still good-looking and *para pa ring uma*-acting *kahit tulog*. We hug each other all night. He likes putting his legs on top of mine, *pero ang bigat*, so sometimes I remove them! Hahaha. When we have *tampuhan*, I get our eldest daughter to sleep between us so he can't hug me! We wake up at the same time and pray together."

Another endearing quality of Buboy's, his wife said, is that he loves serenading his family. "*Basta may hawak na* guitar *'yan, di mapigilang kumanta*. One of our theme songs is 'All My Life.'"

I remember the time I was with the couple in their Bohol resthouse. Buboy strummed his guitar and we all sang till the wee hours. Buboy gives his all when acting; he does the same when singing. That passion he will surely turn on and spread around in "Bedroom Boys" at the Big Dome. That's one "virus" that's definitely worth catching. It's gonna be eargasmic!!!

Body to-die-for

DENNIS Trillo clarified rumors that he turned down an Indie movie because he didn't like to work with **Alfred Vargas**, Reports have it that Alfred's handler, **Lolit Solis**, felt slighted when Dennis' manager, **Popoy Carocativo**, said this. Or words to that effect.

Explained Dennis: "It was a simple case of misunderstanding. Things are okay now between *Tita* Lolit and Popoy. It's just that my sked is so full, I cannot accommodate the movie with Alfred. We were both in Star Circle batch 10 and I've worked with him before so this *intriga* is really funny."

Show biz insiders are unanimous in saying that Dennis is one of the nicest and humblest stars around. I can attest to that myself. That's why when I heard the rumor, I told myself it was so "un-Dennis."

But one thing that's so Dennis being chosen as one of Manila's sexiest bachelors. He recently paraded with other gorgeous celebrities in Cosmo's Male Bash. He told us, blushing, "It was my first time to do a sexy pictorial and a fashion show. I was trembling backstage, but it was a great experience!" With all the "oohs" and ahhs" reverberating at The Fort Tent while Dennis worked the catwalk, he could easily have a Mr. Best Body award aside from his Best Actor trophies. Would his boyish charms and to-die-for body lie?

The host who uses

GUESS who this TV host is! He is such a user! As one of the staff members of his show lamented, "He befriends people that he knows he can use. Once he gets what he wants he will start spreading lies about that person. Just like this business he opened. At first he went into partnership with an expert in the field. After he learned the ins and outs of the biz, he put up his own enterprise. Now he tells people that he distanced himself because the former business partner was deep in debt. That's not true. One more thing, he doesn't like being corrected. We are all fed up with him. Mr. Know It

All *ang* feeling *niya*! Hmmmm...The host who seems to have the most is all boast boast boast after all.....

Sarah Geronimo's other side

SINCE she won the Star For A Night search in 2003, **Sarah Geronimo** has done almost everything and won almost every award and honor there is.

In June this year, she was named Best Female Young Artist in the Asia-Pacific Top Entertainer Awards. This month, her second album, "Sarah: Sweet Sixteen," turned double platinum.

To date, however, there is one thing she hasn't done—a solo concert at the Araneta Coliseum. This is a big deal because it's the biggest indoor concert venue in the country. Everyone who's anyone in the world of music has performed there, from international artists to our very own pop icons. Performing at the Big Dome bestows on an artist a certain cachet, as if to say, "You've arrived." Sure, Sarah has been on the Araneta stage twice, but on both occasions, she performed with her fellow champions.

On Sept. 30, Sarah finally stars in her first major solo concert, "Sarah Geronimo: The Other Side," at the Araneta Coliseum. As the title indicates, it will showcase "the other side" of this popular young artist, who is an inspiration and role model for other young people who dare to dream big, just like she did.

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FEEDBACK

Kim possibly

I saw Kim de los Santos at the Ritazza Coffeeshop where she works as a cashier. I got to talk to her because my daughter was so star-struck. I think she still looks pretty. She has lost a lot of weight. She even mentioned that she's dating again. She looks fine to me. I think she has moved on.

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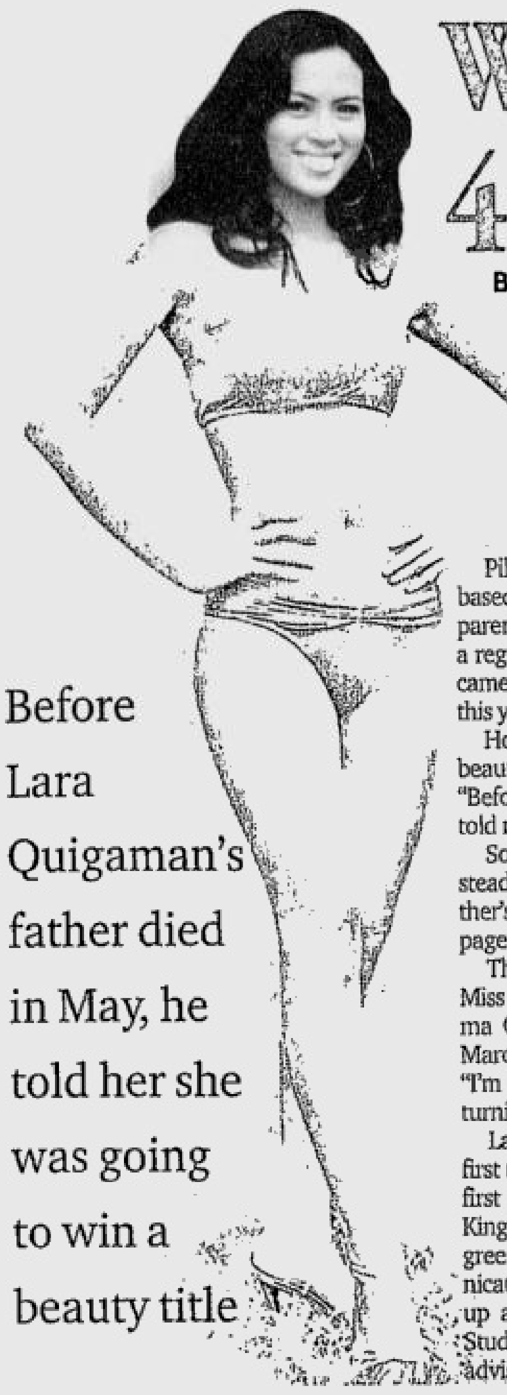
Will she be RP's 4th Miss Int'l?



Before Lara Quigaman's father died in May, he told her she was going to win a beauty title

By Armin Adina

THE MERE MENTION OF her FAther, who died in a road mishap in London last May, still makes her cry, but Precious Lara Quigaman says his memory makes her a stronger person.

Lara, crowned Binibining Pilipinas-International 2005, was based in the United Kingdom with her parents—dad Nelson and mom Precy, a registered nurse in Bristol, up till she came back to Manila in 2004 to join this year's pageant pageant.

Holding back tears, the 5-foot-6 beauty told INQUIRER Entertainment, "Before he met that accident, my father told me I was gonna win."

So instead of sulking, Lara has instead gathered strength from her father's words. The Miss International pageant is set on Sept. 26 in Tokyo.

The Philippines has produced three Miss International titleholders—Gemma Cruz, Aurora Pijuan and Melanie Marquez. Lara hopes to be the fourth. "I'm prepared," she said. "There's no turning back."

Lara actually joined the tilt twice, the first time being in 2001. It was after her first try that she flew to the United Kingdom to study. She obtained a degree in Media Production and Communications from Filton College and took up a course in Childhood and Youth Studies in Bristol. She became a sales adviser, for Marks and Spencer, and supporting artiste for BBC's "Casualty."

Though busy in a foreign land, Lara's thoughts never wandered from the Binibining Pilipinas crown. This year, she felt, was "my year."

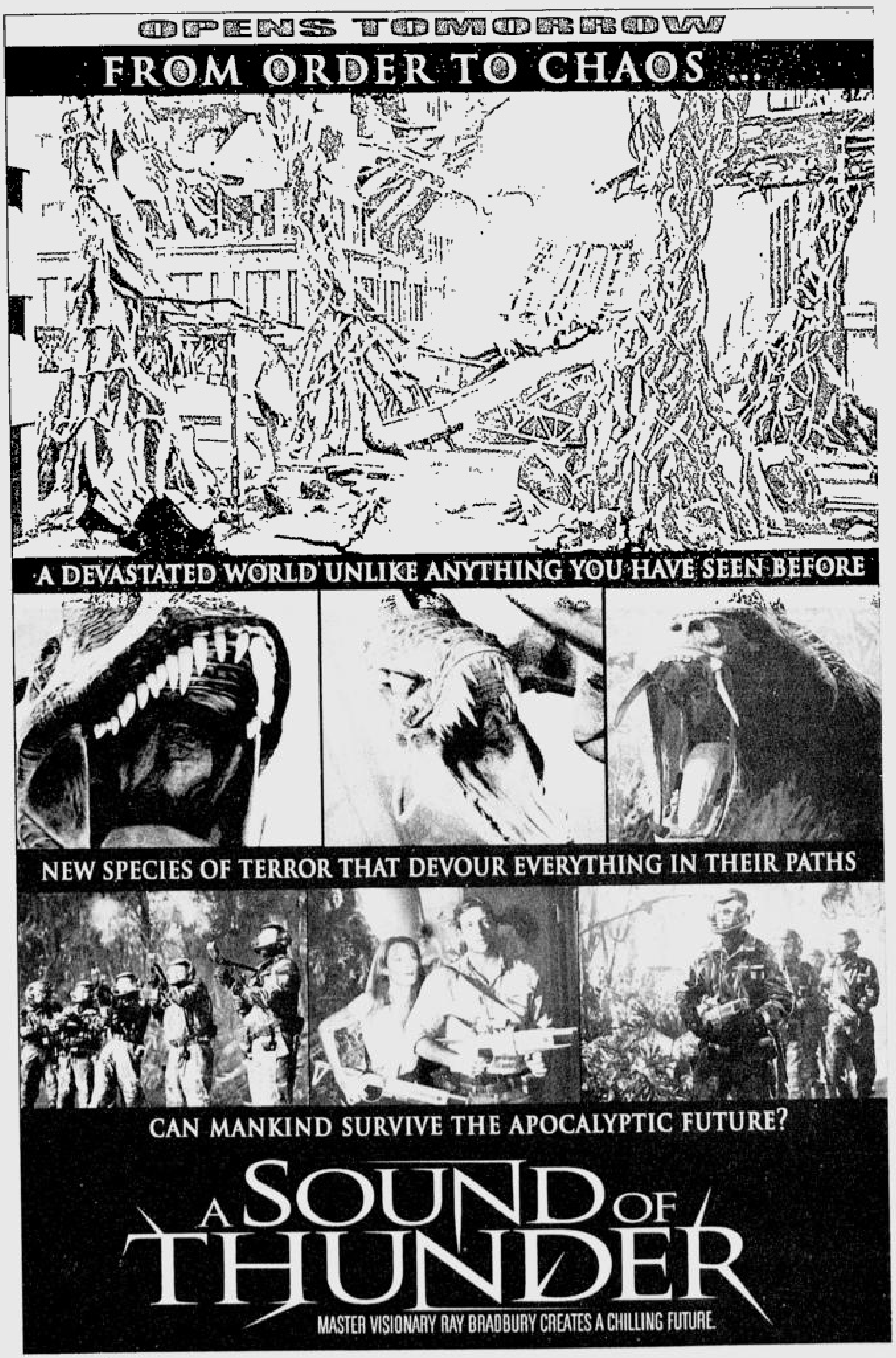
So she jetted back home and claimed her fortune, as did Binibining Pilipinas-Universe Gionna Cabrera and Binibining Pilipinas-World Carlene Aguilar.

Lara's victory was followed by a series of training in catwalk, poise and makeup under former titleholders Karen Agustin (Bb Pilipinas-Universe 2002), Michelle Reyes (Miss Tourism Int'l 2001 and Miss Tourism World 2002) and Mafae Yunon (Miss World 2003 finalist). Her predecessor, Maan Bayot, also briefed her about the competition. "Always try to stand out and feel beautiful because people will always follow you," Lara quoted Maan as saying. With her 32-24-34 figure, this should be easy for the 22-year-old model.

Observers have hinted at Lara's resemblance to Miriam Quiambao, Miss Universe 1999 first runner-up. She finds this flattering. "It always feels good to be compared with someone so beautiful. [But] we're beautiful, each in our own way."

Lara also took a crash course in Nippongo and in personality development. A local fashion magazine has included her in its list of the country's 10 most beautiful women.

Lara left for Tokyo on Friday. Before boarding her plane, she promised her countrymen, "I will do my best."



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GMA and Erap in show biz wedding

Text and photos by Nini Valera

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

TAKING A BREAK FROM HER TROUBLES, President Macapagal-Arroyo recently played gracious dinner host in Malacañang for the families of former actor and Sen. Ramon Revilla and Rizal Gov. Casimiro Henares.

Her two friends had come to ask her to be the principal sponsor at their children's nuptials in November.

The bride, Andrea Bautista, 30, is the senator's daughter and sister of senator/actor Bong Revilla. The groom, Jun-Jun Henares, 32, is the governor's son.

"It's an honor and a pleasure," Ms Arroyo said by way of accepting the invitation. And then, beaming at the engaged couple, she said, "Congratulations and best wishes to you."

Dinner consisted of *foie gras*, squash and zucchini soup, lapu-lapu fillet in lemon-butter sauce and custard. But phone calls for the President constantly interrupted the intimate gathering.

She excused herself before the main course was served, saying she had to see other people who had dropped by. But she returned to the table for tea.

After dinner, Ms Arroyo obliged Andrea's request that she be measured for a gown by couturier Paul Cabral.

Then she posed for INQUIRER for what she called family pictures.

Paul said later, "She's very slim. Her waist is so small."

Over coffee at the Manila Hotel afterwards, the bride-to-be confided that they would also ask former President Joseph Estrada to be a wedding sponsor.

Jun-Jun explained that Estrada and his father, Governor Henares, were longtime friends. "Ever since I can remember, my dad has been really close to Erap," he said. "Up to this day, he visits the former president in Tanay to bring him food."

Jun-Jun said he had no intention of joining show biz. "I live a very simple and quiet life [although] I have three options—manage the family business and remain in the private sector, enter politics, or become a pastor. But ever since I was a kid, I've wanted to be a pastor."

FAMILY picture: Standing from left: Gigi dela Riva-Bautista, Governor Henares, Mrs. Nini Henares, Andrea and Jun-Jun, Sen. Bong Revilla and Paul Cabral. Seated: President Arroyo and former Sen. Ramon Revilla

Jun-Jun was raised a Catholic and educated in Catholic schools—Assumption, Marist School and De La Salle University for pre-med and medicine proper.

"My father is a Catholic and my mother is a Protestant," he said. "I occasionally go with my dad to hear mass and [I also] accompany my mother to Protestant service."

But they are having Catholic wedding rites. "*Sarado silang Katoliko*," Jun-Jun said, referring to the Revillas.

Jun-Jun holds three government jobs concurrently. He's assistant secretary at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Laguna Lakes Development Authority, and executive director of the National Solid Waste Commission under the Office of the President.

"I'm also taking up Public Administration at the University of the Philippines," he said. "Plus, I'm getting married. I wish I were only doing one thing."

Aside from President Arroyo and former President Estrada, the other wedding sponsors are former President Fidel V. Ramos, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago and actress Sharon Cuneta.

"Andrea has always been a big fan of Sharon," said Jun-Jun.

The wedding is set at the Manila Cathedral on Nov. 19. Reception will be at the Shangri-la Hotel in Makati.

Andrea and Jun-Jun will spend their honeymoon in Italy and will be back in Manila in time for Andrea's birthday on Dec. 10.

ANDREA and Jun-Jun with the President

ROUNDUP

From page A24

light while Ritchie went to work pitching the movie he completed only one week ago about con artists, starring Ray Liotta, Vincent Pastore and Jason Statham.

Madonna fell off a horse in mid-August and suffered three cracked ribs, a broken collar bone and a fractured hand. She was celebrating her 47th birthday with her two children and Ritchie at their sprawling 1,200-acre (485-hectare) country estate in Wiltshire in southwest England when the accident happened. AFP

'Exorcism' tops ticket sales

"The Exorcism of Emily Rose" bedeviled its competition in its box-office debut this weekend, hauling in $30.2 million with its mix of courtroom drama and classic horror.

US top 5 films last weekend are:

1. "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" $30.2 million
2. "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," $7.9 million).
3. "Transporter 2," $7.2 million
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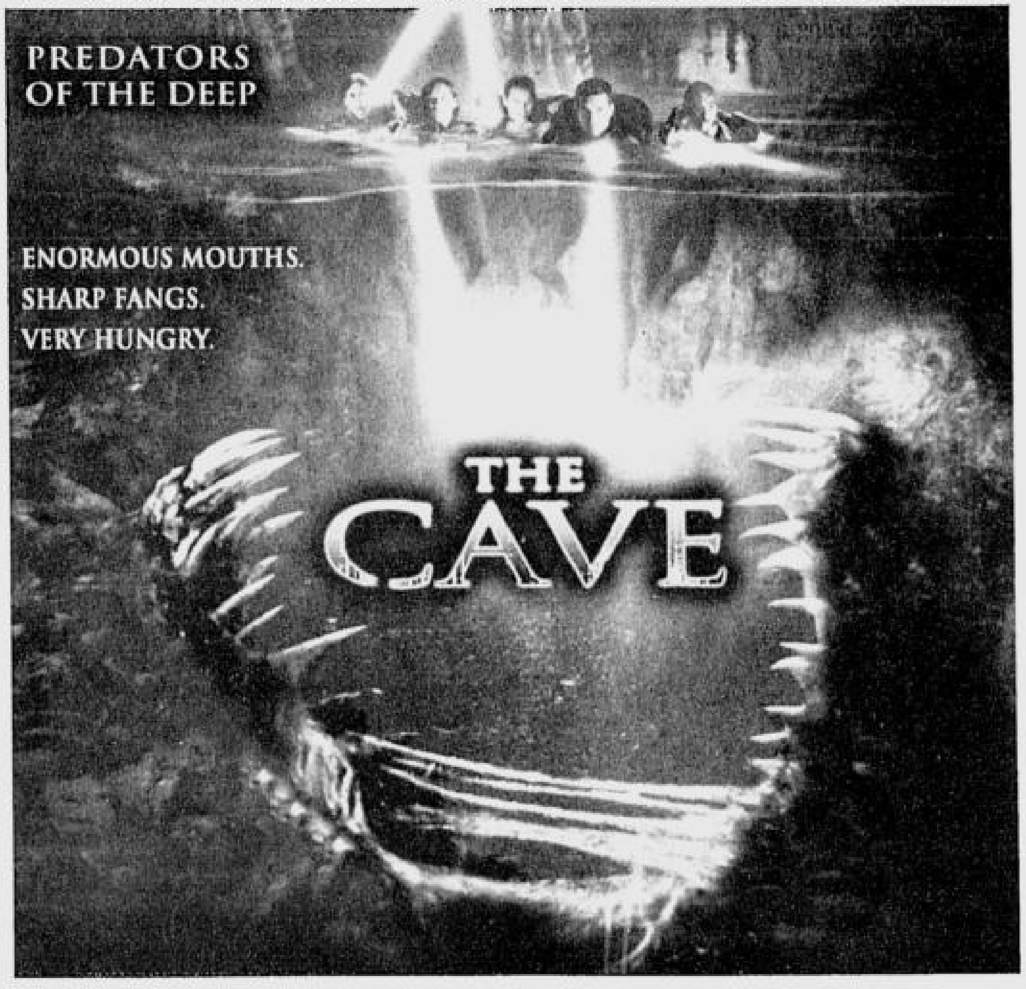
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Dave's yardstick

TAKE FIVE

'I approach it from a rock standpoint'

By Fran Katigbak

THIS ALTERNATIVE ROCK GUITARIST maintains it's not necessarily the coolest thing to be "strung out and depressed."

Born in Santa Monica, California, David Michael Navarro used to be a drug dependent—a result of witnessing the murder of his mother.

He was 15 at the time. Now, 23 years later, he is the flamboyant host of "Rock Star: INXS," a reality show created to find a front man for the Australian band.

As former member of such notorious groups as Jane's Addiction and Red Hot Chili Peppers—and doing session work with various artist including Nine Inch Nails, Porno for Pyros and Alanis Morisette, Dave exhibited skill and technique that made him one of alternative rock's guitar heroes.

He produced solo musical projects, published a book titled "Don't Try This at Home," and is currently recording an album with new band The Panic Channel under Capitol Records.

Last year, MTV released a documentary miniseries on Dave and actress Carmen Electra's wedding preparations.

In a phone interview with INQUIRER Entertainment, Dave talks about "Rock Star" and how he evaluates every rocker's performance.

What goes into your decisions?

I think about how a performance hits me at the core level. I'm not a member of INXS so it's not my place to tell the rockers what they need to change. I just try to give my honest feedback as an outside party.

You've worked with some of the most distinctive front men (Perry Farrell of Jane's Addiction and The Red Hot Chili Peppers' Anthony Kiedis) in rock 'n' roll history. Does that influence how you evaluate the contestants?

I don't think it's a competition in terms of who can beat whom, but that does play a factor in my commentary.

I approach the performance from a rock standpoint, not like a pop idol show. I don't care if I'm standing with Anthony, or with Perry, and he doesn't hit a certain note. What I care [about] is that he's giving it his all.

So it is more of a vibe?

It's a combination of things—vibe, vocal chops, how that voice blends with the music, especially when they tackle INXS songs.

Are you allowed to give suggestions to the rockers?

I'm their friend, their confidante. I do what I can, hear them out and give feedback if they want me, too. But I make sure they know my two cents' [worth] is just that and nothing more. Being a rock star is not something you can teach anybody. You're either one or you aren't.

How much input are you allowed?

As much as they want.

Do your "dark past" and the rock 'n' roll lifestyle you've lived play a role in how you assess the rockers' capacity for entertainment?

My life is just my own. I look at somebody like (U2's) Bono, who doesn't have a dark past but is the ultimate rock star.

Then I look at someone like (Aerosmith's) Steven Tyler who's got a very different background. That's what makes rock music great—there's no one way to get there.

Things have changed a lot in recent years. It's not necessarily the coolest thing to be strung out and depressed. People want to celebrate life through music. I know I do.

Is there a possibility of having you collaborate on the next INXS album?

We've talked about it. If those guys invited me down to jam on that record, I'd be happy and honored to.

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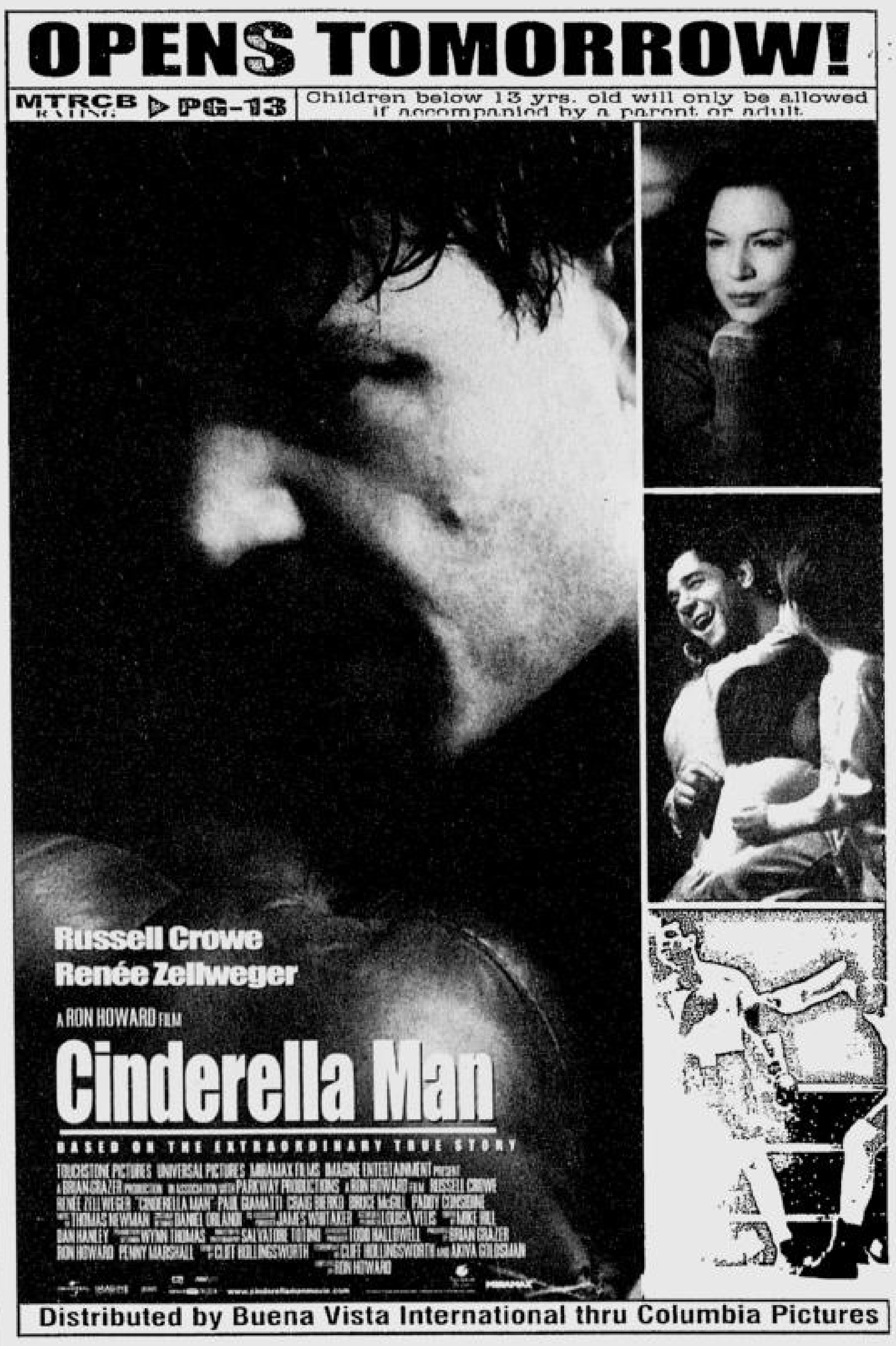
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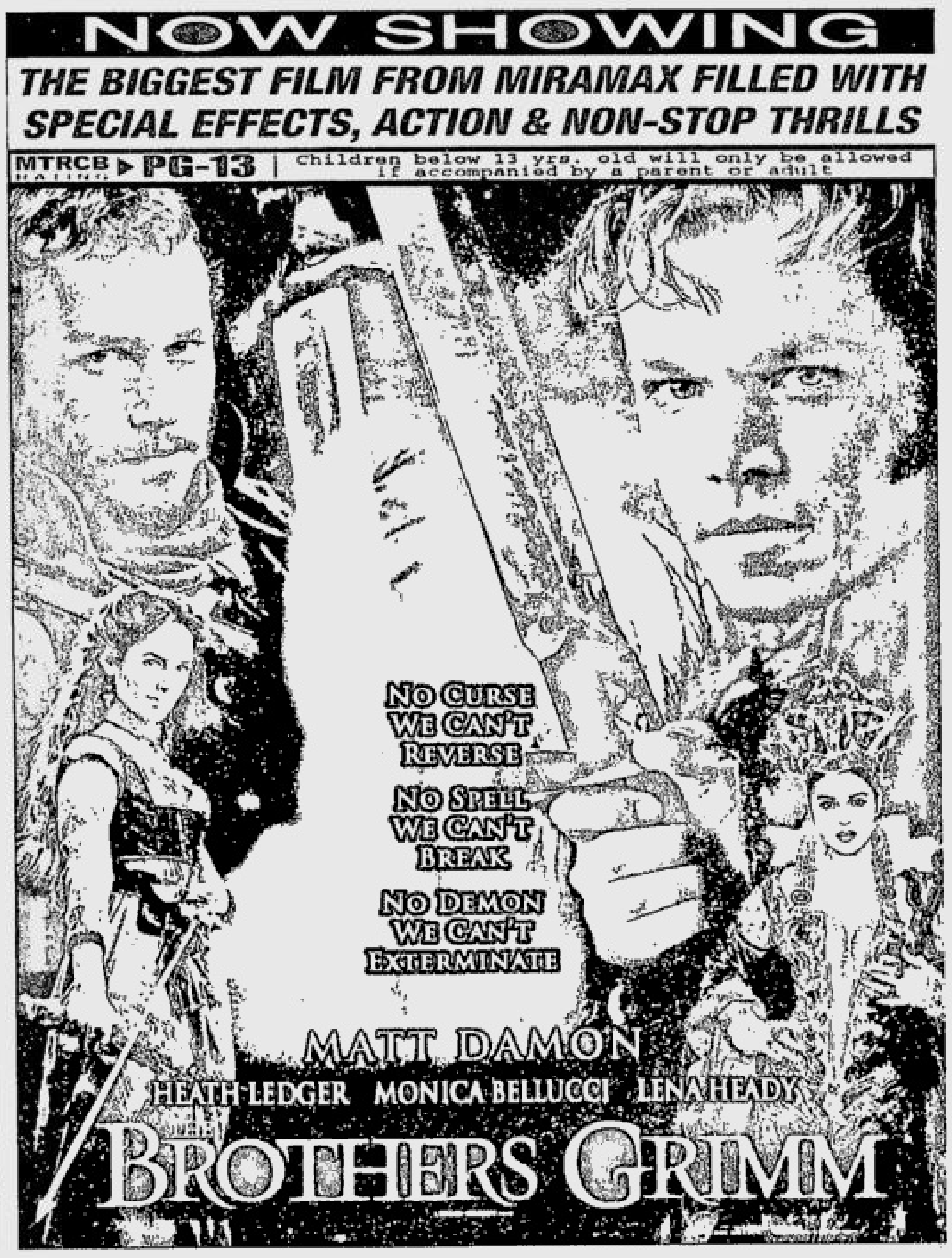
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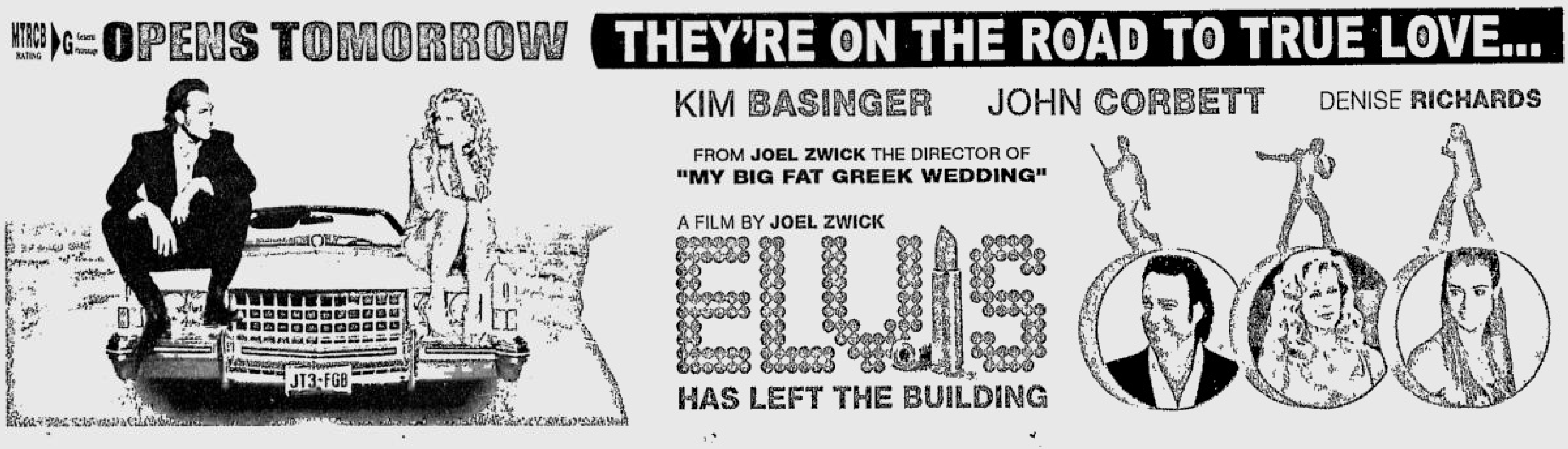
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Current film trends discussed

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THE FILIPINO FILM BIZ IS DOING so poorly that it's a wonder that any new movies are being produced. But, contrary to generally negative predictions, more movies are in fact being made this year than in 2004, as our plucky film people refuse to call it quits. —That's the spirit!

But, what are they making movies *about* this year, and which film formats are clicking with audiences? Looking back on the Filipino movies shown from January to August 2005, we note that teen flicks, horror, comedy and romantic drama are the formats of choice —especially when they're done in combination, like the teen-horror-comedy "'D Anothers," the biggest hit thus far this year.

Meanwhile, the alternative digital film movement is making its own mark with the Cinemalaya and Cinema One showcases that have encouraged fresh stories, conflicts, situations and characters that go beyond the mainstream industry's standard and often predictable formats.

Granted, these new indie productions haven't yet had a major impact on the mainstream scene. But it's instructive to note that a major studio is interested in distributing two of the Cinemalaya festival's most unique and "accessible" productions.

Should this distribution deal come to pass, the two indie movies could be viewed by many more people, so alternative filmmaking could teach the traditional movie industry a thing or two.

If indie movies become popular in this wise, they could make freshness and daring plus points on the local screen that moviegoers here would express a preference for.

This would in turn pressure the moviemaking establishment to be similarly venturesome in conceptualizing and producing its own products. And that would be all to the good!

—Especially when we remind ourselves that one of the reasons why local films started failing in the first place was because their old formats and lazy production practices had bored its audience.

So, to regain the attention and patronage of that audience, freshness in terms of stories, characters and themes could be key.

What about star value? To date, the evidence is iffy about the continuing strength of star appeal, as quite a number of heretofore "bankable" stars have failed to excite audiences with their new starrers.

This is particularly true of action stars, most of whom don't get to act on the big screen these days, and have reinvented themselves as macho sitcom leads.

The shift from the big to the small screen must be a blow to these action superstars' larger-than-life egos, but they've had to learn how to roll with the punches.

Yes, stardom isn't what it used to be. On the other hand, producers are loath to give up on its power entirely, so some big productions, like Star Cinema's "Dubai," still field major stars like **Aga Muhlach**.

If "Dubai" turns out to be a big hit, it'll make stars "in" again, and Aga and his stellar colleagues can heave a huge sigh of relief. But, if it does much less business than "'D Anothers," that would be cause for renewed concern.

Come to think of it, though, even "'D Anothers" benefited from star value in a way, because it fielded a host of young starlets popular with the youth audience. So, star appeal still counts, only it's more of a group thing these days, especially in teen flicks, where it's decidedly regarded as merrier.

'Avatar'

ON NICKELODEON, the new show "Avatar: The Last Airbender" started airing last Sept. 10. Set in a fantastical Asian world, the series revolves around Aang and his friends, Waterbender Katara and warrior Sokka. They set off on a perilous journey to restore balance in their war-torn world.

'Ibong Adarna'

GANTIMPALA Theater Foundation's "Ibong Adarna" will be performed on Sept. 18 (Rizal Park), Sept. 23-25 (AFP Theater), Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Oct 20 (De La Salle-Santiago Zobel), and Oct. 21 (RFC Cinema, Las Piñas). Call 8995745.

Mark Bautista

SINGING heartthrob **Mark Bautista** launched his new single, "I Need You," last Sunday on "ASAP." His CD-Lite album, "Dream ON," will be launched on Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. at SM North Edsa. It contains the songs "I Need You," "You Win the Game," "If by Now," "When Will I See You Again" and the title cut.

"BIG TIME"

Cinemalaya goes mainstream

SEVERAL established studios have expressed interest in some Cinemalaya entries, according to Robbie Tan, monitoring committee chair of the local independent film festival held last July.

Major studios Star Cinema, Viva and MLR were seriously considering picking up these digital films for wider theatrical and DVD/VCD distribution, Tan said.

He related that "Big Time" was negotiating with Star Cinema and Viva, and "Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros" with MLR, Star Cinema and Viva.

"We have been talking to some young directors for possible projects," Viva publicist Baby Gil confirmed to INQUIRER Entertainment. "We are very interested in discovering new filmmakers. And we've always been on the lookout for fresh content for our cable channel, Pinoy Box Office (PBO), as well as for VCD/DVD release."

'Maxi' mileage

ASIDE from topping the First Films section of the just-concluded Montreal World Film Festival, "Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros" also received distribution offers in France, French-Switzerland, French-Canada, Belgium, Netherlands, and Luxembourg. The good news was announced by the film's international distributor, Ferdie Lapuz.

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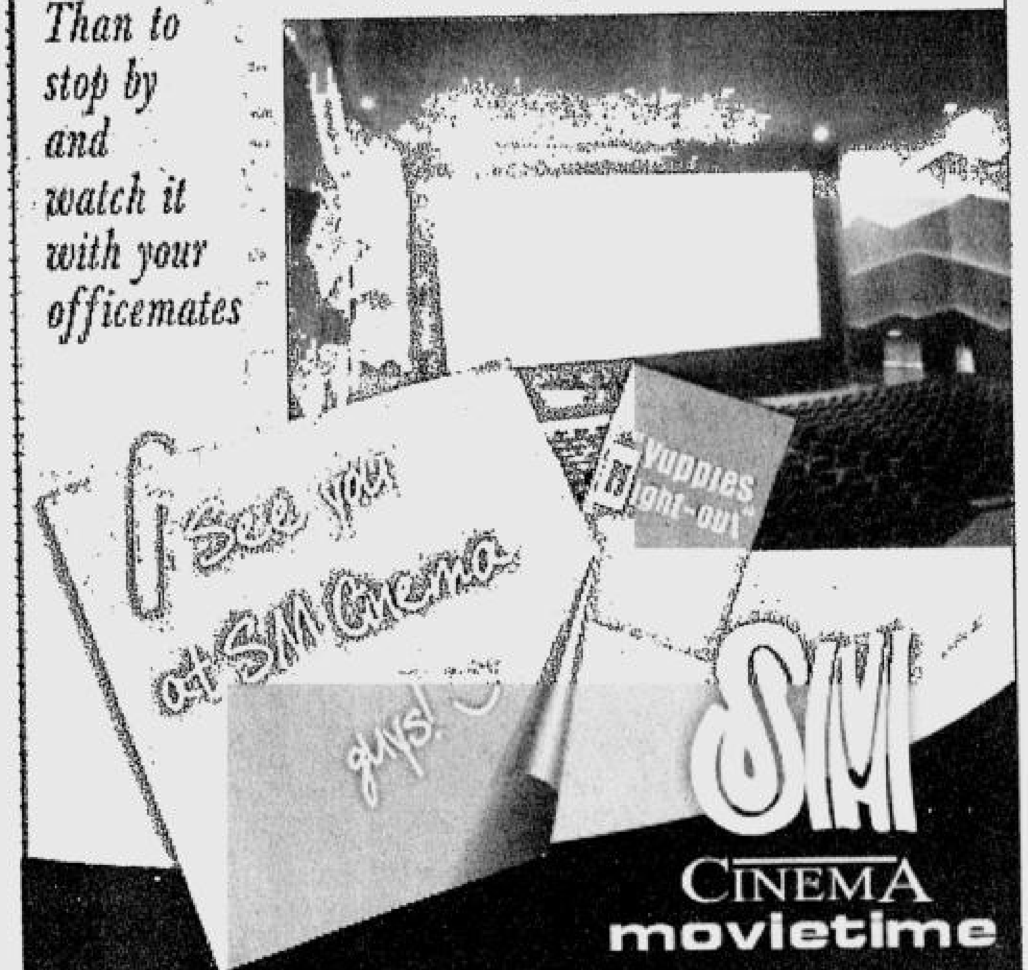

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3 RED EYE 11:50FB/12:00MF/01:54/03:46/05:42/07:35 09:03LFS/09:30LFB/10:55END

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- RED EYE
- PERFECT CATCH
- 3 BROTHERS GRIMM
- 4 DUKES OF HAZZARD
- 5 LONGEST YARD
- THE CAVE
- 7 SKELETON KEY
- LONG WEEKEND
- TRUTH ABOUT LOVE
- 10 LISENSYADONG KAMAO
- 11 EVIL EYES
- 12 SKY HIGH

SM CITY FAIRVIEW
- LISENSYADONG KAMAO
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- 4 RED EYE
- 5 THE CAVE
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- EVIL EYES
- LONGE WEEKEND

SM NORTH EDSA
- BROTHERS GRIMM
- 2 THE CAVE
- LONG WEEKEND
- LONGEST YARD
- 5 LISENSYADONG KAMAO
- SKY HIGH
- 7 PERFECT CATCH
- RED EYE

SM CITY MANILA
- 1 THE CAVE
- 2 LONGEST YARD
- 3 LONG WEEKEND
- 4 BROTHERS GRIMM
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- 7 DUKES OF HAZZARD
- TRUTH ABOUT LOVE
- LISENSYADONG KAMAO
- 10 RED EYE
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- 1 BROTHERS GRIMM
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- 5 RED EYE
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- 10 LISENSYADONG KAMAO

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- 1 RED EYE
- 2 BROTHERS GRIMM
- 3 THE CAVE
- LISENSYADONG KAMAO
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- 6 LONGEST YARD

SM SUPERCENTER SUCAT
- BROTHERS GRIMM
- 2 THE CAVE
- 3 RED EYE
- 4 LISENSYADONG KAMAO

SM CITY BICUTAN
- RED EYE
- LISENSYADONG KAMAO
- THE CAVE
- BROTHERS GRIMM

LUZON

SM CITY PAMPANGA
- LONGEST YARD
- 2 SKY HIGH
- SKELETON KEY
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- 5 SISTERHOOD IN TRAVELING PANTS
- EVIL EYES

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- 1 DUKES OF HAZZARD
- 2 SKY HIGH
- 3 RED EYE
- 4 LISENSYADONG KAMAO
- 5 BROTHERS GRIMM
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SM CITY DASMARIÑAS
- RED EYE
- 2 LISENSYADONG KAMAO
- DUKES OF HAZZARD
- SKY HIGH

SM CITY LUCENA
- MUST LOVE DOGS
- BEWITCHED
- LISENSYADONG KAMAO
- SHAOLIN vs. STONE WARRIOR

SM CITY BAGUIO
- RED EYE
- BEWITCHED
- 3 SKELETON KEY
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SM CITY MARILAO
- 1 THE GREAT RAID
- 2 SKY HIGH
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- 4 THE CAVE

SM CITY BATANGAS
- SISTERHOOD IN TRAVELING PANTS
- LISENSYADONG KAMAO
- 3 THE GREAT RAID
- ARAHAN

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SM CITY CEBU
- THE CAVE
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SM CITY DAVAO
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- 4 SKELETON KEY
- 5 TRUTH ABOUT LOVE
- LONGEST YARD

SM CITY CAGAYAN DE ORO
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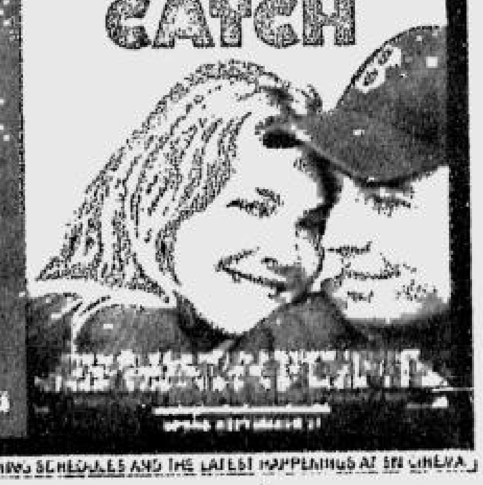

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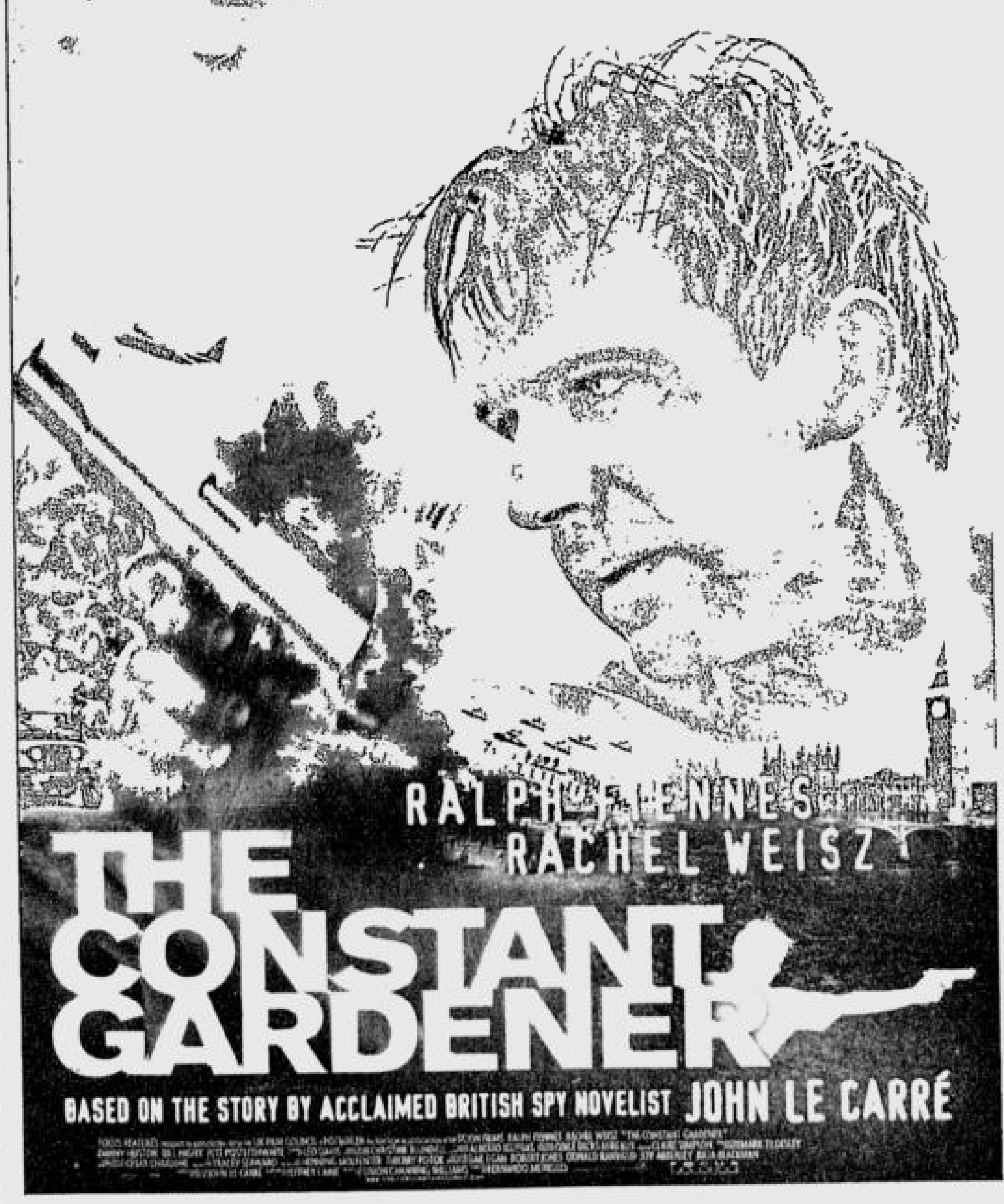

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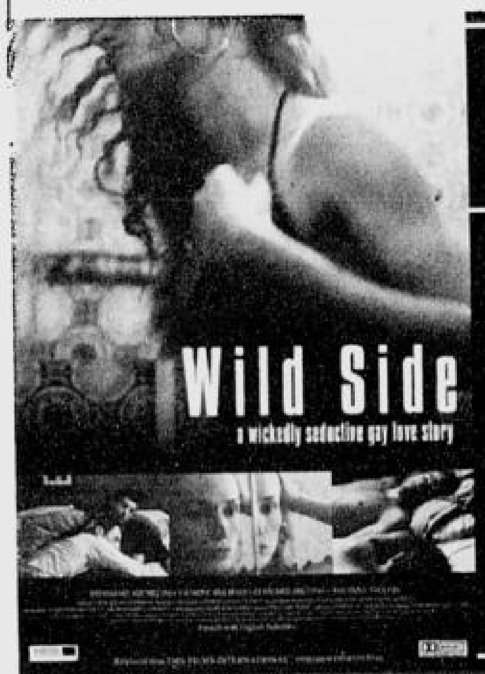
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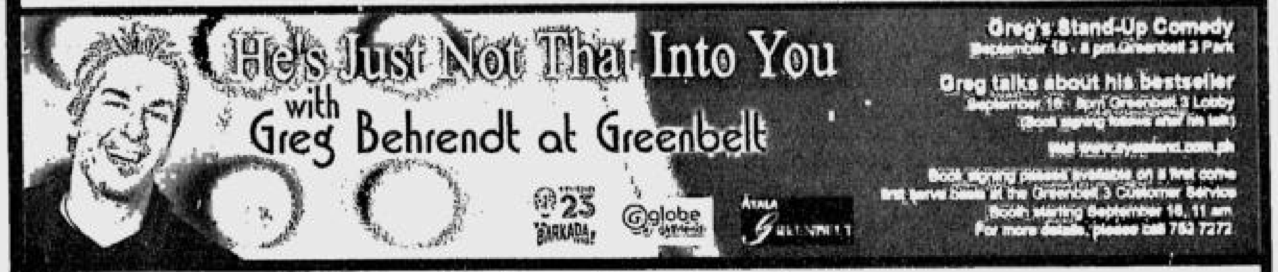

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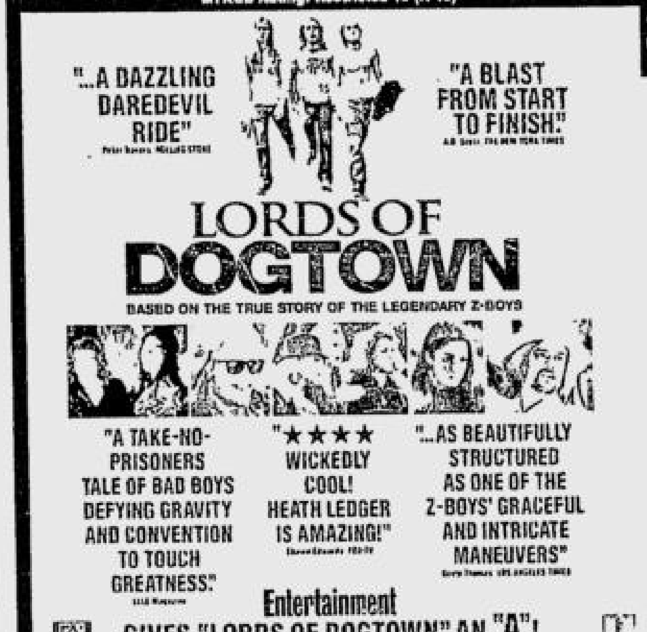
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Sharon Cuneta's many roles

Wife, mother, actress, producer, top product endorser —everything is a matter of integrity for the Megastar

By Marinel R. Cruz

"I'M SCARED FOR HIM. IT WOULD BE HYPOcritical to say I'm not. But at the end of the day, as he always tells me, he's really just following his principles," said Megastar Sharon Cuneta when asked to comment on the recent political move of her husband, Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan.

Kiko, Senate majority leader (Liberal Party), recently called for the resignation of President Macapagal-Arroyo. Other LP leaders who have demanded that Ms Arroyo step down are Senate President Franklin Drilon and Senators Manuel Roxas II and Rodolfo Biazon.

"We may have [political] differences, but [these are always handled] respectfully," Sharon told a group of writers over lunch last week. "A perfect illustration is the friendship I've maintained with the Estradas. I may not agree with some things that transpired during President Joseph Estrada's administration, but that did not diminish my affection for [the deposed leader and his family]. I never discussed this before."

But Sharon did not say whether or not she agreed with her husband's position. "Friendship is different," she explained. For instance, she said, she had known the former president's son, Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, since she was 13.

"Kiko was never really close to (the Estradas). He only got to know Jinggoy when the latter became a senator, too," she said. "What I want is for our country to get better —this is because I have children. I'm a mother, first and foremost."

Need to lose weight

Kristina Cassandra or KC is Sharon's eldest daughter from her previous marriage to former actor Gabby Concepcion. She and Kiko have two daughters—Frankie, 4, and Miel, 1.

Sharon took a break from show biz because of her last pregnancy, which turned out to be delicate. She had gotten pregnant immediately after filming Mark Meily's "Crying Ladies" in 2003. She was set to resume hosting her TV show on ABS-CBN last February, but opted to rest until the end of 2005.

"I need to lose more weight," Sharon said. "From the time I got back after the US concert tour in June, I have dropped 14 pounds. I thought of going back to work in July, but there had been too little time to prepare and I still was heavy. In the end, I said since January is my birthday month, I might as well do everything then—turn a year older, start the New Year and start a new show. Hopefully, I'd look much more presentable."

Her new show, Sharon noted, would be "something that the viewers and I would enjoy."

She recounted that the last show was supposed to be "something like 'Oprah.' But often, the audience just wanted to laugh and be entertained, so we had to give in to that. The new show would be the magazine type."

Sharon co-produced Meily's "La Visa Loca" with Unitel Pictures last summer. The movie top-billed her former boyfriend, Robin Padilla, and Rufa Mae Quinto under Meily's direction.

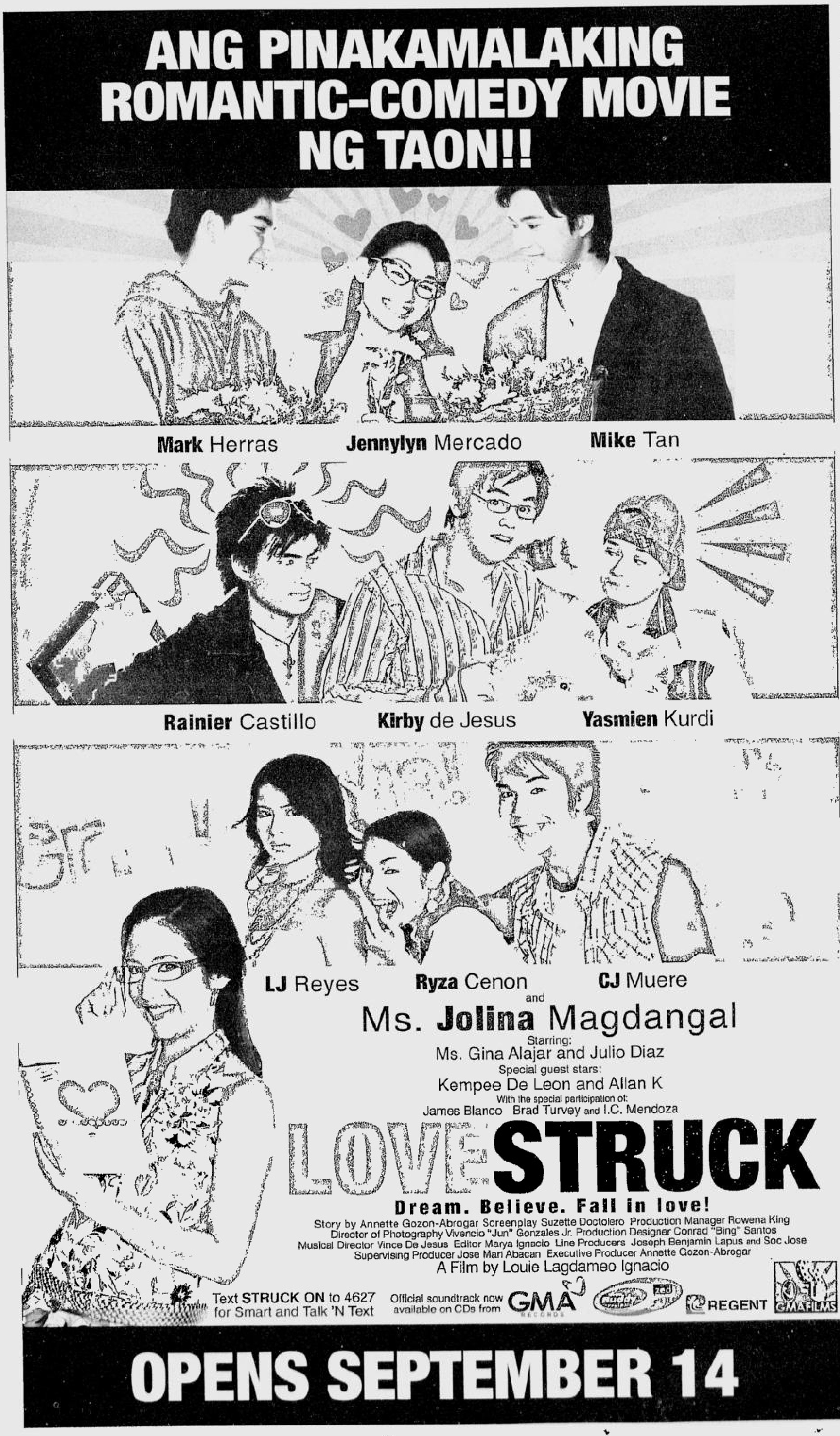
Though "La Visa Loca" did not do so well in the box-office, she said, she was very proud of it. "It's a perfectly good film. If we overlooked anything, maybe it was that children were more into the 'fun' side of things. I think the movie will be better appreciated by a foreign audience, though. It was loved by an older audience here, but kids 13 to 15—*nabibigatan sila.*"

Many roles

She would continue producing films, Sharon vowed. "It's a business. You have to save up for the next if the first one didn't really give you enough to produce two or three. Later on maybe we'll do small movies with talented comedians, or movies that are really dramatic. There are so many things we can do."

The press lunch launched Sharon as endorser of Lady's Choice Mayonnaise. Sharon and a group of friends shared assorted dips, which they made themselves, using the product.

"In acting you play a role, in endorsing you are following a story board but you are putting your credibility on the line," the Megastar, arguably the country's top endorser, said. "If I had accepted all endorsement offers presented to me, I would be tens of millions of pesos richer. It's simple: If it's something I don't eat, I turn down the offer; or if it's a new product, I always ask for samples. *Yung iba, kahit ano papatulan basta magka-pera.* We all need to make a living but we should also be discerning."



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Madonna makes no bones about traveling

BROKEN bones could not keep US pop diva Madonna from travelling to Toronto to support her husband, director Guy Ritchie, in his quest for a distributor for his latest film, "Revolver," he said Sunday.

"The wife is very good, thanks. Eight broken bones and she's come with me," Ritchie told reporters at the Toronto International Film Festival where his movie premiered.

However, Madonna shied away from the spot-

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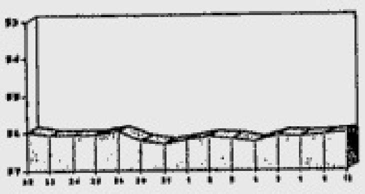

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Shares close 0.84% lower

SHARE PRICES CLOSED 0.84 percent lower yesterday, extending losses on continued political concerns over street protests against President Macapagal-Arroyo and a possible tightening of monetary policy, dealers said.

Militant groups are vowing more protests despite the quashing of an impeachment complaint against Ms Arroyo in Congress earlier this month. The opposition accuses Arroyo of cheating to win the May 2004 elections.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index fell 15.86 points to 1,866.91 after trading between 1,866.08 and 1,892.23. Volume was 493.43 million shares worth P766.8 million. The all-shares index fell 8.13 points to 1,144.11.

Losers led gainers 49 to 20, with 48 stocks unchanged.

"We were really expecting the market to trade downward further. Politics remains a major factor," said Nina Tinio of Unicapital Securities Inc.

"It is a sign of investors' dwindling confidence on the Philippines," said Jose Vistan of AB Capital Securities, noting that foreign investors had been selling out of the Philippine market in recent sessions.

Ayala Land Inc., the most active stock, ended unchanged at P7.40 while parent Ayala Corp. slipped P10 to P272.50. *AFP*

₱7B in excise taxes, ₱2.5B in import duties

By Michelle V. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND THE Bureau of Customs have estimated that the government had been losing about P9.5 billion in revenues a year due to fuel smuggling.

Of the amount, P7 billion were in the form of lost excise taxes and P2.5 billion represented the uncollected import duties.

"While the BOC has apprehended suspected fuel smugglers, the lack of incontrovertible evidence has made it difficult for them to confiscate the products or prosecute the offenders," Finance Secretary Margarito Teves said.

Caltex Philippines Inc., in a recent forum on the VAT Reform Law, earlier raised its concern over the growing number of fuel smugglers, which it said were directly competing with their legitimate oil dealers.

Teves said that to address the problem, the DOF and its attached agency, the BOC, have come up with a strategy that would help detect whether or not fuel sold in the market was smuggled.

The finance chief said the two government agencies have signed a memorandum of agreement with the Philippine Institute of Petroleum (PIP), a private sector organization, which would help the government implement a chemical technology in detecting smuggled fuel.

With the chemical technology, authorities will use a certain chemical to mark fuel whose taxes and duties have been paid by the importers.

Under the government's anti-smuggling plan, Customs authorities would regularly check the market to monitor sale of fuel. When a fuel does not contain the chemical markings, then they would have reason to suspect that the product was smuggled, the DOF said in the statement.

Aside from addressing fuel smuggling, Customs Commissioner Alexander Arevalo earlier said that the BOC likewise tapped the assistance of carriers FedEx, UPS and DHL to help combat smuggling of other products.

The three firms would serve as third-party informants to help Customs detect smuggled items. In particular, the carriers, from point of departure, would inform the BOC about the contents of the products they will deliver to the Philippines.

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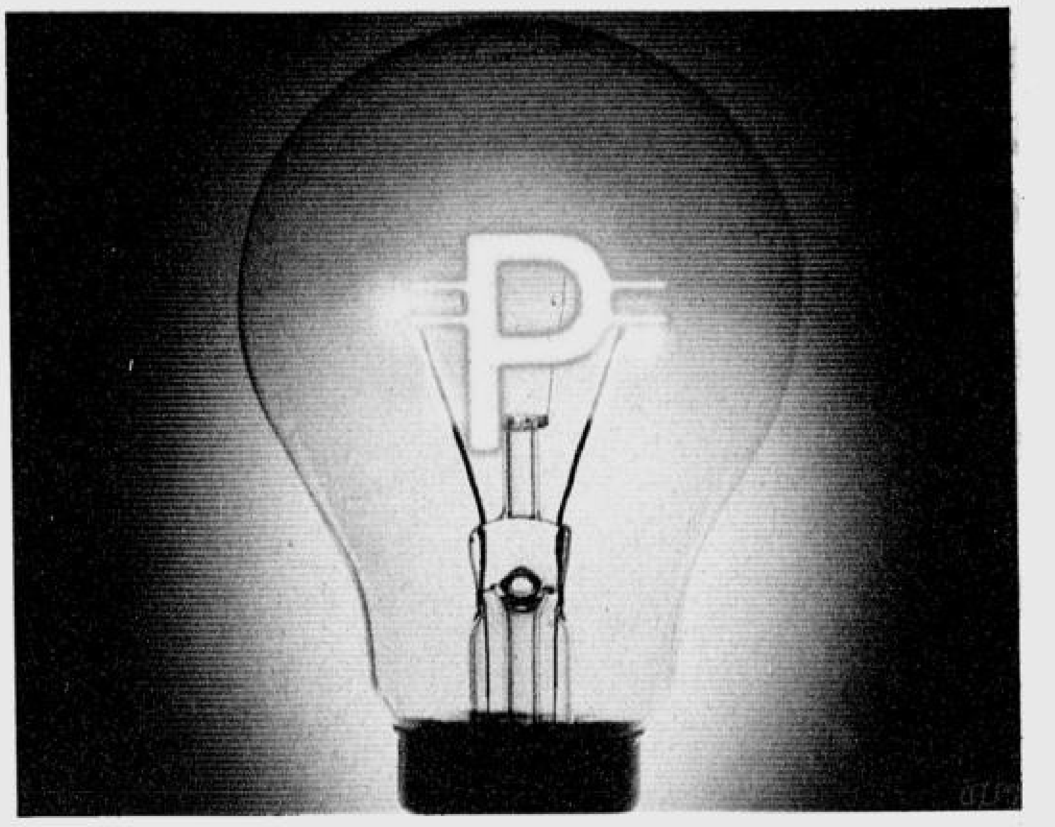

Firms find 'enercon' is key to surviving oil price crisis

By Abigail L. Ho and Ronnel W. Domingo

(Second of two parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

NEITHER THE POLITICAL NOISE THAT THE country is now experiencing nor the deluge of escapist telenovelas and reality shows have overshadowed the fact that oil prices are shooting through the roof. This just shows that politics and show biz, two of Juan dela Cruz's favorite pastimes, no longer serve to shield Filipinos from the harsh realities of a global phenomenon.

Since the start of the year, gasoline prices have increased 18 times by a total of P9.35 a liter, while diesel fuel prices have gone up 17 times by a total of P8.55 a liter. Cooking gas prices have also risen five times by a total of P3.15 a kilogram.

And local pump prices are expected to continue rising, what with world oil prices skyrocketing to historic highs almost every day.

According to documents from the Department of Energy, the regional benchmark Dubai crude already reached a September average of $57.57 a barrel from an average of $56.60 in August. It reached its highest ever recorded price of $59.10 a barrel last Aug. 29.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products likewise soared to a Sept. 1-8 average of $81.80 a barrel, up by almost $8 from last month's average of $73.19. Its peak price was recorded just this month at $90.20 a barrel last Sept. 1.

MOPS-based diesel had started to trail unleaded gasoline, surging to an average of $80.91 a barrel in the first eight days of September, jumping by more than $7 from the August average of $73.82. It registered its highest ever price last Aug. 31 at $83.47 a barrel.

The international contract price of liquefied petroleum gas, while relatively tame as

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T-bill rates rise

TREASURY BILL rates rose across all maturities yesterday as banks sought higher risk premiums, but officials said the increase was reasonable and something the government could afford.

The bellwether 91-day rate inched up by 11.1 basis points to 5.773 percent after the Bureau of Treasury's auction committee finally accepted some of the bids for the three-month government securities following two consecutive auctions of full rejection.

The 182-day bills fetched 8.016 percent, or 25.7 basis points higher than last week's. The rate for the 364-day bill rose by 13.8 basis points to 8.965 percent.

"We allowed what we called a sideways increase because if you compare the rates with those in the secondary market, their (upward) movement was still reasonable," Deputy Treasurer Eduardo Mendiola said in a briefing after the auction.

In a bid to temper the increase in the rates, the Treasury accepted only P900 million worth of bids for the three-month government securities, and only P1.998 billion for the one-year debt instrument.

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₱15B worth of UCPB bad loans, idle assets sold

By Doris C. Dumlao

UNITED COCONUT PLANTERS Bank sold P3.6 billion worth of idle assets through public auctions and retail sales, the bank said yeterday.

Of the total, some P1.6 billion worth of real and other properties owned and acquired (ropoa) were sold in the first eight months of this year, while the others were unloaded last year.

The bank also sold early this year P11.5 billion of non-performing loans to a US-based asset management company, Avenue Capital Management Asia, under the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Act.

Some P3.5 billion worth of NPLs were approved for restructuring and dacion en pago (payment in kind).

UCPB vice president for asset management and disposition division Christine Carandang said the bank had held three auctions last year and five so far this year.

Four to five more public auctions are being planned in Metro Manila and the provinces before the end of the year, she noted.

"With the forthcoming auctions, we are looking at disposing of another P300 million to P500 million of our ropoa by Dec. 31," she said.

The good thing about the auctions and direct sales, Carandang said, was that they achieve the bank's objectives of disposing the idle assets and converting them to earning assets.

Many of these sales transactions were financed by UCPB itself, she said, making the auctions more attractive to buyers while also providing the bank with steady interest income.

Apart from auctions and direct sales, UCPB has been aggressively pursuing other avenues to reduce its non-performing assets.

"For instance, we've developed resolution strategies for P8.4 billion worth of our ropoas that would involve third party investors putting in money to enhance the value of the assets before they are sold at better prices," she said.

The SPV Law which expired last April aimed to help banks get rid of their non-performing assets by waiving some of the taxes and reducing fees usually collected in the sale or transfer of assets. It waived the documentary stamp tax, capital gains tax and e-VAT (expanded value added tax) and likewise reduced the registration/transfer fees by 50 percent.

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compared with unleaded gasoline and diesel, suddenly surged to $440.20 a metric ton (MT) this month from only $404.20 in August and $400.10 in July. This month's price was less than $30 shy of the highest recorded LPG contract price of $470 registered in November last year.

These price surges have resulted in the implementation of various energy conservation measures, with the government taking the lead. Local businesses, many of them hard hit by these escalating prices, have also come up with their own ways of cutting down on fuel use and boosting their operational efficiencies.

Replacing the old

Flag carriers Philippine Airlines and Cebu Pacific Air, both oil-intensive businesses, are very much reeling from the effects of the oil price crisis.

While both posted profits in the first six months of the year, they also registered significantly higher operating expenses as a result of runaway fuel prices.

To prevent a further rise in fuel costs, both firms have decided to retire some of their old aircraft and replace these with newer, more efficient models.

PAL president and chief operating officer Jaime Bautista relates that the country's biggest airline will be retiring its Boeing 737-300s in the next five months. These aircraft will be replaced by more fuel-efficient Airbus 320s: One each in October and November and another in February next year.

"The fuel cost savings that these aircraft will bring will more than compensate for the amount spent in securing them," he explains.

Cebu Pacific is even more aggressive in replacing its old planes with new ones. The company's ongoing refleeting program, which will be completed by February 2007, involves the replacement of its 12 DC9 aircraft with Airbus 319s, Airbus 320s and Boeing 717-200s. Right now, the company has two new Airbus 320s in operation.

Danilo Mojica, Cebu Pacific general manager, says this refleeting program is the "single most important thing that we did" in terms of trying to reduce fuel costs.

Route changes, higher fares

Apart from aircraft replacement, Bautista says PAL has also rethought the frequency of some of its flights to save on fuel and improve load factors.

"We're trying to manage our capacity, to operate flights that will generate enough revenues to cover expenses," he says.

For example, PAL used to fly to Hong Kong five times a week. Now, with the high fuel prices, the flag carrier flies to Hong Kong only thrice a week, resulting in lower fuel consumption and better load factors.

While this may cause passengers that cannot go on PAL's scheduled flights to fly with the airline's competitors, Bautista says the resulting fuel cost savings more than compensate for the marginal loss in passenger volume.

PAL consumes 3.5 million barrels of oil a year for its international operations and another 1.5 million barrels of oil a year for its domestic operations.

Shipping firm Aboitiz Transport System Corp., another oil-intensive business, has employed a similar strategy to arrest declining revenues.

ATSC last year posted a 54-percent decline in income to P153 million, despite implementing a 2-percent increase in passage rates and a 3-percent rise in per-TEU (20-ton equivalent units) rates.

"These adjustments, however, were not sufficient to cover the increased operating costs, especially for fuel. ATSC is taking positive measures to mitigate these by improving efficiency," the firm says in its first-half report.

Vivien Vicente, head of investor relations at ATSC, says different teams within the company are specially focused on finding ways to either cut the firm's costs or improve its productivity.

"An example is rerouting some of our vessels to cover the same ports, which means that we use less ships," she explains.

Another measure that the firm is looking at is another rate increase.

"We are working closely with the government regulatory agencies to explore all ways and means of accelerating the recovery of the costs (brought about by) oil price increases through authorized increases in fare rates," Vicente says.

Bautista says PAL is also considering the same thing, although it will refrain from seeking the Civil Aeronautics Board's approval for another fuel surcharge if it can still bear fuel-related costs.

Wide-scale enercon measures

Other businesses, although not as oil-intensive as those in the airline and shipping sectors, are also taking steps in conserving energy and using resources more efficiently.

"Of course, the measures depend on the type of businesses. What is happening right now is that businesses that operate commercial and office buildings are attentive on the use of air-conditioning and lighting because these account for significant parts of costs," says Makati Business Club executive director Guillermo Luz.

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry takes a step further as its energy committee works on a program that entails working with the government to gather energy-conservation efforts under one comprehensive endeavor.

PCCI honorary chair Miguel Varela says the group is finalizing an Energy Program that will be presented to the government in October, in time for the 31st annual Philippine Business Conference.

He relates that consultations are now underway among PCCI member-companies to standardize the implementation of energy-saving measures.

Some of the measures being considered relate to the cooling system of all malls and business establishments, as well as the use of fluorescent lights instead of incandescent bulbs, he says.

He adds that the group will enlist the support of local banks in securing capitalization to execute these energy-conservation measures.

Right now, as oil prices continue to rise, private businesses, following the government's lead, are stepping up efforts to cut down on fuel consumption and energy use. Although businesses are always looking for ways to reduce costs, they all admit that the need to do so is more pressing now, particularly for costs related to fuel and electricity.

And, judging from the way world oil prices are moving, this should only be the start of a nationwide, industry-neutral effort to help the country survive the global oil crisis.

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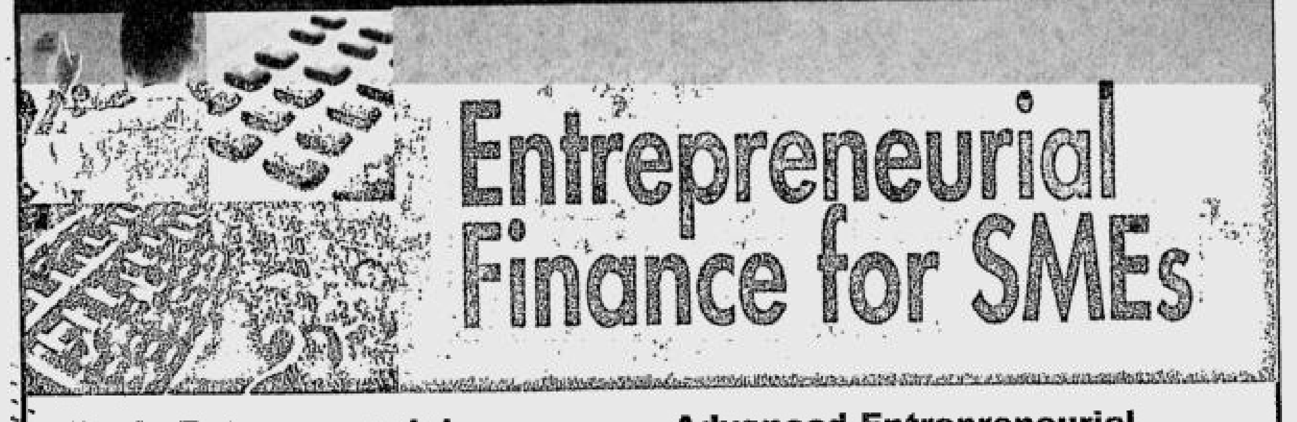

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Russian airline considers direct flights to RP

To take advantage of growing tourism market

By Clarissa S. Batino

RUSSIA'S FIRST COMMERCIAL AIRline Trans-aero is planning to mount direct flights from Moscow to the Philippines to cash in on the growing tourism from Eastern Europe to Southeast Asia, a senior aviation official said.

The Russian airline had written the Department of Foreign Affairs to express its interest to fly to the Philippines, the official said.

The Department of Tourism said the economic boom in the former Soviet state had resulted in increased incomes, prompting more Russians to spend on travel.

Now among the world's top spenders, the number of Russian arrivals to the Philippines had reached more than 5,000 in the first seven months, up by 154 percent from the previous year.

The Civil Aeronautics Board said it has not received a formal application from Trans-aero to service the Moscow-Manila route.

However, CAB executive director Tomas Mañalac said he knew about the interest of the Russian airline, which was why the agency would like to initiate talks with Russia to update the country's bilateral air agreement.

The Philippines and Russia forged a bilateral aviation agreement in 1995. Since then, it had not been updated as no carrier from both countries took advantage of the air pact to mount direct flights.

Mañalac said the 10-year-old agreement with Russia was a basic one, which gave carriers from both countries a flight each week.

Since it started operations in 1991, Trans-aero said it carried almost 10 million passengers to 145 airports in 56 countries.

Russia is now the tourism department's next target, according to Tourism Secretary Joseph Durano. He said Russians now have more disposable income for travel.

Russian tourists spent $12 billion in the last three years and its outbound travel in 2004 reached almost six million. Southeast Asia, including the Philippines, took 12 percent of Russia's outbound tourists.

Durano said his agency had invited 14 Russian tour operators to the Philippines for a familiarization tour of some of the country's top destinations such as Boracay, Bohol, Cebu and El Nido.

"The long winter in Russia is another good reason to penetrate the market and encourage them to come and experience our warm tropical country," Durano said.

Aside from Russia, the CAB said it wanted to enhance air ties with Canada within the year.

Mañalac said the Philippines would like a daily flight entitlement with Canada from the current four-times-a-week allocation. The country's aviation pact with Canada was last updated in 1997.

Canada's aviation authority said in a reply sent recently that it was still studying the Philippines' proposal, according to the head of CAB.

More flights to Canada would mean more flights to other points in the United States, particularly in the East Coast like New York and Chicago before landing in Vancouver or Toronto.

Philippine Airlines is already exercising a fifth freedom right by flying to Las Vegas before heading to Vancouver in Canada.

Mañalac said other Philippine carriers like Cebu Air Pacific could also consider Canada as part of their planned trans-atlantic route expansion.

More and more Filipinos are migrating to Canada. Filipinos already represent the fourth largest visible minority group Canada as early as 2001. Nearly half of the 327,545 Filipinos in Canada as of 2001 were living in Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta.

T-bill rates rise

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Debt offering through the weekly treasury bill auction is set at P2 billion for every tenor.

The Treasury accepted P2 billion worth of bids for the 182-day bills.

Mendiola said one probable reason the market was seeking higher rates was the concern that the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas might follow the lead of its Asean counterparts in raising policy interest rates. He said the central banks of Indonesia and Thailand recently increased their rates.

The Treasury official said there was no significant factor pressuring treasury bill rates at the moment aside from market behavior in neighboring countries.

"I don't think there is anything disturbing the market today," he said, explaining that while the rates rose across the board, the climb was minimal and did not reflect instability.

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RPN, IBC may be sold jointly

By Michelle V. Remo

PANGILINAN

VELARDE

THE GOVERNMENT IS STUDYING various options for the privatization of state-owned television stations, with the possibility of jointly selling RPN Channel 9 and IBC Channel 13.

Finance Undersecretary Jay Singson, in charge of the government's privatization program, said the interagency Privatization Council had decided to offer for rebidding the financial advisory services for the privatization of RPN-9, so that the service package could include IBC-13.

"The financial adviser would suggest whether it would be best to sell the two stations separately or jointly," Singson said in a press briefing.

Earlier, the government already declared CLSA Exchange Capital the winning bidder for the financial advisory contract for the privatization of Radio Philippines Network Inc. (RPN-9).

But Singson said the bidding process would have to be done all over again because the government wanted to include Intercontinental Broadcasting Network (IBC-13) in the package.

Singson said CLSA, which bested six other advisory firms during the bidding last June 27, had agreed to the government's decision to rebid the deal and it had expressed intention to participate again.

Those who participated in the previous bidding, aside from CLSA, were BPI Capital Corp.; Ernst & Young; KPMG; Laya, Mananghaya & Co.; PCI Capital Corp.; PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Punongbayan Araullo.

Singson said that with the government's move to rebid the contract, the privatization of the television stations would be pushed to next year. He, however, said the rebidding of the contract would be held before the end of this year.

The companies that were reportedly interested in buying RPN-9 included businessman Manuel Pangilinan of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., Solar Sports of businessman Wilson Tieng, and El Shaddai leader Mike Velarde.

Lopez firm plans to build $400-M plant

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

FIRST GENERATION CORP., THE holding company of the Lopez family for its power plants, and British conglomerate BG Group are planning to build a $400-million gas-fired plant in Batangas.

The project is one of the ventures that First Gen is considering to invest in once it is able to raise P11.2 billion in funds through an initial public offering.

First Gen and BG Energy Holdings Limited (BGEH) have formed a joint venture company called First Natgas Power Corp. to look into the construction of a 550-megawatt combined cycle and gas-fired plant in San Gabriel, adjacent to First Gen's two major power plants in Batangas.

BGEH is the holding company of the BG Group (formerly British Gas) for its energy-related projects.

First Gen Renewables Inc., another First Gen subsidiary, is also in talks with Cagayan Electric Power & Light Co. Inc. for the joint development of the 8-MW Cabulig mini-hydro electric power plant in Claveria, Misamis Oriental. The mini-hydroelectric plant is intended to supply power to Cepalco. The project will include an eight-kilometer transmission line that would connect the plant to a Cepalco distribution line in Jasaan town. A study is being conducted to determine the feasibility of the project.

FGRI is also studying the possibility of building a wind farm on a 100-hectare site in Antique, Panay Island, to harness wind power.

First Gen said it had invested P2.8 billion over the last three years in various projects, particularly the construction of its San Lorenzo power plant in Batangas and the overhauling of its Sta. Rita plant, also in Batangas. As of June, the company spent P86 million for the acquisition of a mini hydroelectric power plant in Agusan.

FPH to go ahead with IPO of First Gen

MR. BEARBULL

Ron Nathan

I HAVE BEEN EATING RABBIT food all week, and I have begun to notice certain changes. I now have long white ears, my reproductive system has kicked into high gear, and I am a hare's breath away from looking like a rabbit.

I have bad news for some readers. I have completely transformed my newsletter into a much better format whereby you can see at a glance which shares to buy or sell. Everybody is pleased with it but several readers have asked that, as the stock market is so dull, I should transfer most of the puns and jokes into the newsletter. I have agreed so I will be relying on stuff sent in by readers.

Example: English signs seen in foreign countries

Doctor: Specializes in women and other diseases.

Dry cleaners: Drop your pants here for the best results.

Restaurant: People who find our waitresses rude ought to see the manager.

Manila: When this sign is under water, the road is impassable.

Clinic: If you are an adult who cannot read, we can help you.

Cafe: We are open 7 days a week and weekends.

Hotel: Guests are requested not to smoke or do other disgusting behavior in bed.

Bar: Special cocktails for ladies with nuts.

Hotel: You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

Hotel: Entertaining guests of the opposite sex is improper. Please use the lobby for this purpose.

Airline: We take your bags and send them in all directions.

Tiger Woods got out of his Mercedes and went into a garage. As he did so, he dropped two tees. The attendant picked them up and said, "What are these for?" "They are to rest my balls on," replied Tiger. "Gee! These guys at Mercedes think of everything."

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It has been a depressing week with the market dropping almost everyday because of one foreign broker. It has been selling P140 million worth of equities on four of the last five days and I fear that it is not finished yet. It appears that European clients were unhappy about the quashing of the impeachment so easily and have decided to invest elsewhere. Other foreign houses have been net buyers but have been selectively selling stocks, which will be adversely affected by the expanded VAT. These include utilities and energy (MERB, FPH and PCOR), retail stores (ALI, SMPH) and FLI because of its disappointing results.

The political situation has now reached an impasse. Demonstrations are too small to have any effect and whatever information the Hyatt 10 had to oust GMA, has become irrelevant as time has passed them by. The lawmakers are now going to spend the next six months discussing the Garci tapes all over again. They cannot be used as evidence as wiretapping is illegal, so why are they wasting their time? There are many important bills waiting to be passed. Why don't they do something useful?

I am sure that the Supreme Court would have junked the appeal to re-file another impeachment but they might be split over raising power and fuel when prices are so high. Personally, I do not think that fuel will fall below $60 a barrel and by the winter in January, when North America, Europe and Japan switch on their central heating, 24/7 for six months, it will be probably higher. Although investors are obsessed by politics, there is actually quite a lot of good news around:

1) Our exports in July were up by 11.4 percent against 1 percent in the two previous months. Overseas sales of electronics recovered and shipments to China rose threefold. The president of PSI Technologies said demand for electronics would grow by 7 percent this year, driven by worldwide demand for mobile phones, flat screen TVs, i-POD music devices, and new versions of video game consoles such as the new X-Box and Playstation. Unfortunately, we do not make any of the above but we produce the chips that go into them.

2) China has reiterated its pledge to increase exchange rate flexibility while retaining basic stability in the yuan. "China will undertake reforms in the currency in a step-by-step way. We will let the market play a greater role in the formation of the exchange rate. Our objective is to keep basic exchange rate stability at a balanced and reasonable level." This is long-term but good for the whole of the Asia-Pacific region.

3) Foreign investors snapped up the $1 billion sale of 10-year bonds and the issue was 7.5 times oversubscribed. As a result, the government was able to get away with an 8-percent coupon at a slight discount to yield 8.25 percent to redemption. This is cheaper than the previous sales so there are still plenty of overseas investors willing to hold our bonds.

4) The Treasury sold P40 billion worth of bonds to the public in denominations as low as P5000. It also sold P6.6 billion to banks plus P7 billion worth of 7-year zero-coupon bonds. So the government is very liquid at the moment and is canceling the next six weekly auction of P4 billion worth of Treasury bills.

5) JDV has persuaded debtor nations in principle to swap $1 billion of debt for equity. Details will not be known until next month but he could let them have the mothballed nuclear power station in Bataan, the new airport and the massive debts of Napocor. What is more likely is that they might write off this debt provided it could be seen to alleviate poverty and create jobs. If he pulls it off, it will be a tremendous achievement.

FPH is going ahead with its IPO in November. The company will sell 30 percent of its stake in First General to institutional investors through UBS, AG and CLSA. ATR-Kim Eng and BDO Capital will offer another 10 percent to the market. The PSE would no doubt prefer a larger float as this would make for better liquidity. With oil prices up over 66 percent since last year and diesel up 93 percent, natural gas is in great demand. Providing the IPO is not overpriced, as was the case with SM, this issue should go well. I cannot give any guidance until the prospectus is published next month but it is the kind of stock that investors will want to hold.

Altogether, between 151 and 220 million shares will be offered at between P51 and P74 to raise P11.2 billion. The proceeds will be used for investments in capacity expansion, potential acquisitions of power generation facilities and the development of new projects. Meralco will cut its rates by 23 centavos per kWh but will be able to buy its natural gas cheaper from First General. This is obviously good for First General and FPH, which owns 88.4 percent of it. If the market will stabilize, FPH should go up ahead of the IPO, which will produce a large capital gain for the company. According to our Bloomberg, foreign brokers' value FPH as high as P75 and the P/E Ratio is only 5.5 at P39.50.

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DISCLOSURES

METRO Alliance Holdings and **Equities Corp.** elected as directors Kenneth Gatchalian, Elvira Ting, Lamberto Mercado Jr., Rogelio Garcia, Ricardo de la Torre, Melito Salazar Jr. and Renato Magadia, who was also elected chair and president. The company appointed Sycip Gorres Velayo & Co. as external auditor.

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PRUDENTIAL Bank disclosed that the employment contract of Greenhills Branch vice president Carmelita Luna expired on Sept. 6 and was not renewed.

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EXPORT and Industry Bank Inc.'s transfer agent, Professional Stock Transfer Inc., said Stock Certificate No. 4710 which involved 33 million shares was erroneously made to be released to Marielou Santander-Florendo on June 2.

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PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. director Albert del Rosario acquired on Sept. 9 PLDT 3,000 shares of the company at P1,575 per share, increasing his beneficially owned shares to 90,025. ***Compiled by Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research***

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of September 12, 2005)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	29.5	29.5	28.5	28.5	281,200
Bank of the Phil. Islands	51	51	50.5	51	1,275,100
China Banking Corp.	830	840	830	830	360
Citystate Savings Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	500
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.59	0.6	0.59	0.6	230,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	48.5	48.5	47	47.5	474,200
International Exch. Bank	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	10,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	26.5	27.5	26.5	26.5	364,900
Philippine National Bank	35	35	35	35	11,000
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.75	3,300
Security Bank Corp.	29.5	30	29.5	30	35,000
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Manulife Financial Corp.	2855	2855	2855	2855	470
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	220,000
Phil. Stock Exchange Inc.	140	140	140	140	1,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2075	2085	2075	2085	480
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.97	0.97	0.96	0.97	1,380,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	720	720	695	695	58,810
Ipeople Inc.	2.95	3	2.95	3	104,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.0525	0.0525	0.05	0.0525	1,200,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	2.9	2.95	2.8	2.85	1,589,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1580	1580	1565	1570	64,510
Ivantage Corp.	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	60,000
Philweb Corp.	0.015	0.016	0.015	0.016	12,000,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	13.75	13.75	13.5	13.5	19,600
Manila Electric Co. B	21.25	21.25	21	21	1,125,300
Manila Water Co. Inc.	6	6	5.9	6	625,000
Petron Corp.	3.1	3.1	3.05	3.05	1,332,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22	55,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	150,000
Aboitiz Trans. Sys. Corp.	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	20,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	4,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.64	0.64	0.6	0.6	300,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Holcim Philippines Inc.	2.9	2.95	2.85	2.95	483,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	67,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	211,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	34.5	34.5	34	34	302,100
Pancake House Inc.	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	50,000
RFM Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	180,000
San Miguel Corp. A	64.5	65	64.5	65	72,600
San Miguel Corp. B	92.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	543,700
Vitarich Corp.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	820,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	11,000,000
Ayala Corp.	282.5	290	272.5	272.5	149,500
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	4.85	5	4.85	5	2,840,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.026	0.026	0.024	0.025	4,800,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.04	2.06	2.04	2.04	4,259,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	55,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.73	0.73	0.71	0.71	560,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	10,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.5	27,000
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.14	0.145	0.14	0.145	400,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1	1.02	0.99	1	5,340,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	170,000
CADP Group Corp.	1	1	1	1	16,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	560,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.235	200,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95	437,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.4	237,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	39.5	41.5	39.5	40	403,500
House Of Investments Inc.	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	50,000
Ionics Inc.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	50,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	70,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.82	45,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.3	1.3	1.28	1.28	1,808,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.27	200,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.31	11,000,000
Prime Media Holdings Inc.	0.92	0.93	0.92	0.93	46,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	739,000
SM Investments Corp.	202	205	200	200	143,270
South China Resources Inc.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	300,000
Tanduay Holdings Inc.	4.2	4.2	4.15	4.15	105,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co	0.12	0.12	0.115	0.12	330,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.165	250,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	50,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.94	0.94	0.91	0.92	1,570,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	60,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.56	1.56	1.54	1.54	390,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.31	520,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (PDR)	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	189,300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10	10	10	10	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10	10	10	10	200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,700
PLDT 10% Pref Series AA	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	5,900
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	8	8	8	8	5,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.4	17,478,000
Cityland Development Corp.	1.26	1.26	1.2	1.2	5,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	390,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	1,000,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.34	1,260,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.3	1.3	1.28	1.3	1,967,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	200,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	730,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.5	190,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.155	0.155	0.15	0.15	200,000
SM Development Corp.	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	23,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8	10,595,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	1.08	1.08	0.98	1	806,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	1.06	1.08	0.99	1	420,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	2,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.3	140,000
Benguet Corp. A	8	8	7.9	7.9	29,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.82	60,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.32	0.32	0.3	0.31	156,540,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.35	0.36	0.35	0.36	6,980,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	61,200,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	87,200,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.85	0.85	0.82	0.82	20,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	1.02	1.02	1	1	450,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	230,000
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	210,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	2,000,000
Interport Res.	0.0044	0.0048	0.0044	0.0048	2,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.43	610,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	130,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	3.8	3.85	3.75	3.85	65,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	8,150,000

	SHARES	VALUE(P)
Bank & Fin Svc	2,907,510	109,635,075.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	127,156,090	386,833,700.00
PRO	34,038,000	206,162,700.00
Mining	316,285,000	62,306,280.00
OIL	12,955,000	1,706,100.00
GRAND TOTALS :	493,341,600	766,643,855.00

	AVERAGES	
Bank & Fin Svc	550.69	UP 0.46
Comm'l & Ind'l	2,969.12	DOWN 29.64
PRO	659.57	DOWN 3.79
Mining	2,845.44	DOWN 16.41
OIL	3.30	UNCH 0.00
SME	100.00	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	1,144.11	DOWN 8.13
Composite	1,866.91	DOWN 15.86

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Singapore	Dollar	0.481476	0.597800	33.5336
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India	Rupee	0.018401	0.022847	1.2816
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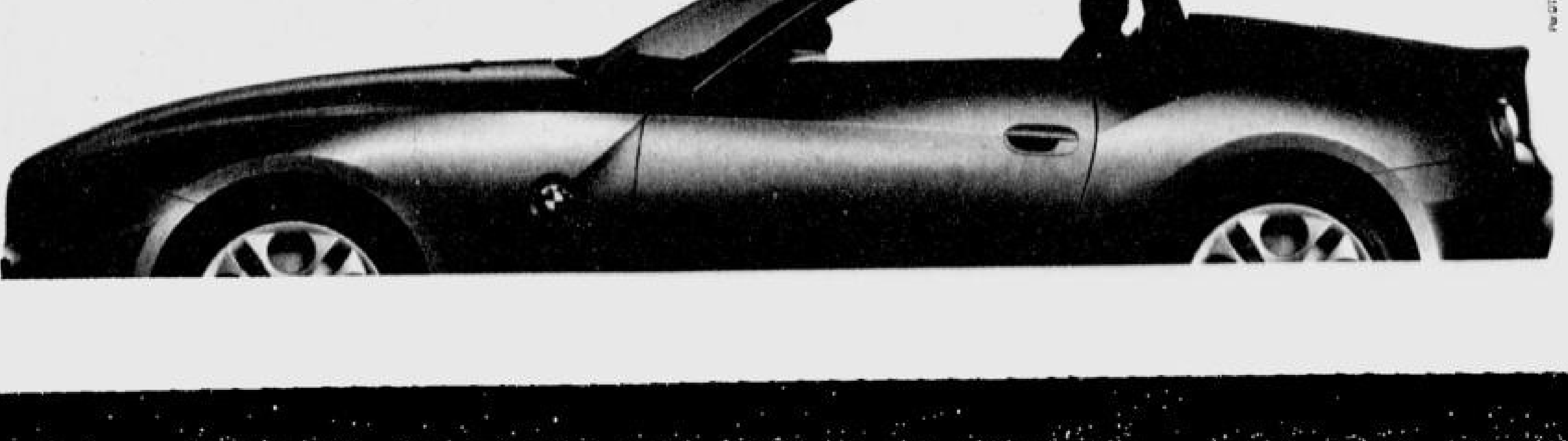

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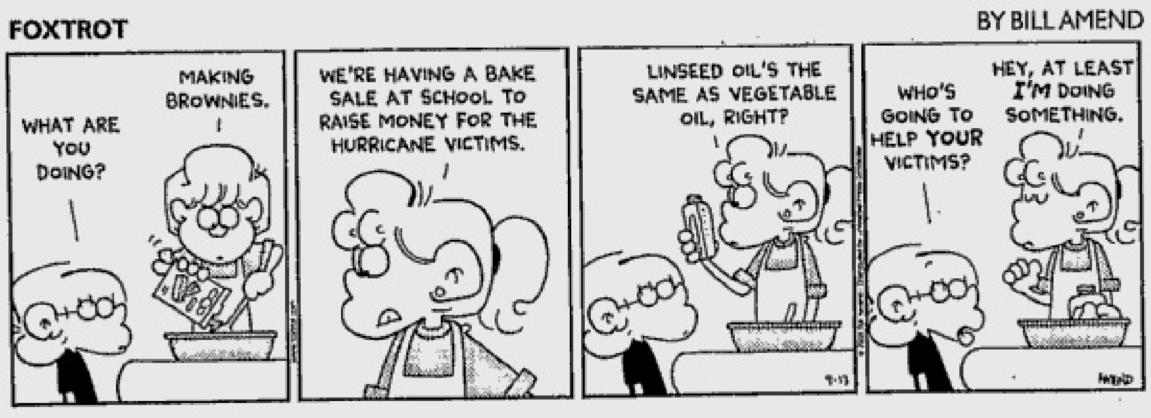
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MAKING BROWNIES.
WE'RE HAVING A BAKE SALE AT SCHOOL TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE HURRICANE VICTIMS.
LINSEED OIL'S THE SAME AS VEGETABLE OIL, RIGHT?
WHO'S GOING TO HELP YOUR VICTIMS?
HEY, AT LEAST I'M DOING SOMETHING.
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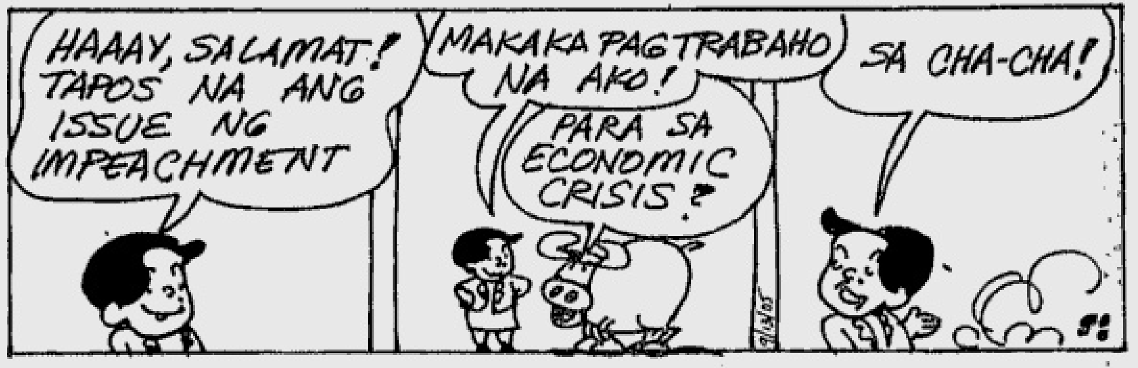
HAAAY, SALAMAT! TAPOS NA ANG ISSUE NG IMPEACHMENT
MAKAKA PAGTRABAHO NA AKO!
PARA SA ECONOMIC CRISIS?
SA CHA-CHA!

MARVIN
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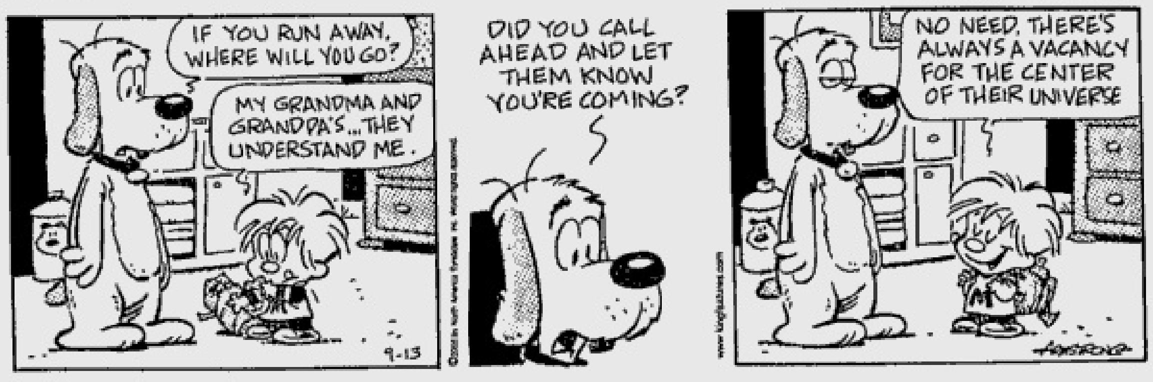
IF YOU RUN AWAY, WHERE WILL YOU GO?
MY GRANDMA AND GRANDPA'S... THEY UNDERSTAND ME.
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DID YOU CALL AHEAD AND LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE COMING?
NO NEED. THERE'S ALWAYS A VACANCY FOR THE CENTER OF THEIR UNIVERSE

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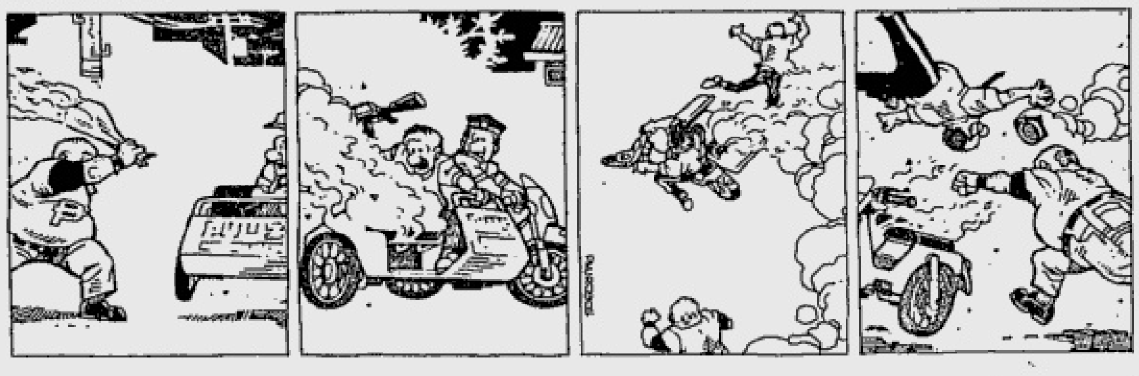

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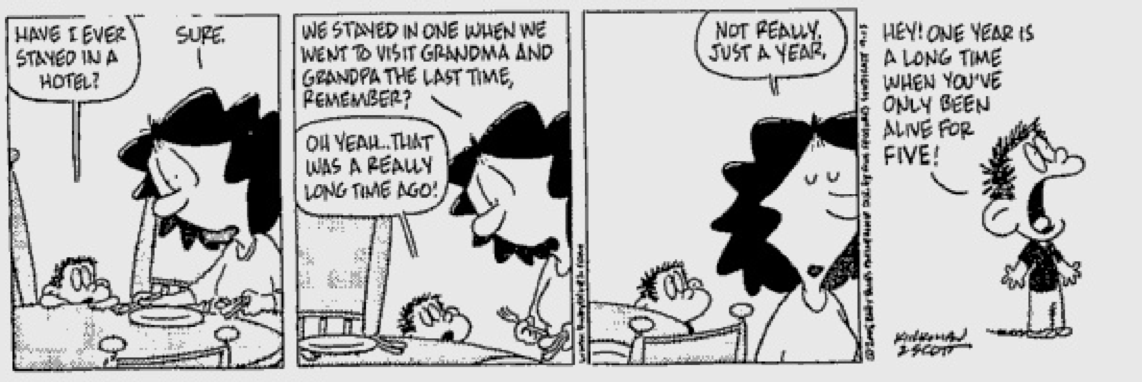
HAVE I EVER STAYED IN A HOTEL?
SURE.
WE STAYED IN ONE WHEN WE WENT TO VISIT GRANDMA AND GRANDPA THE LAST TIME, REMEMBER?
OH YEAH... THAT WAS A REALLY LONG TIME AGO!
NOT REALLY, JUST A YEAR.
HEY! ONE YEAR IS A LONG TIME WHEN YOU'VE ONLY BEEN ALIVE FOR FIVE!

MUTTS
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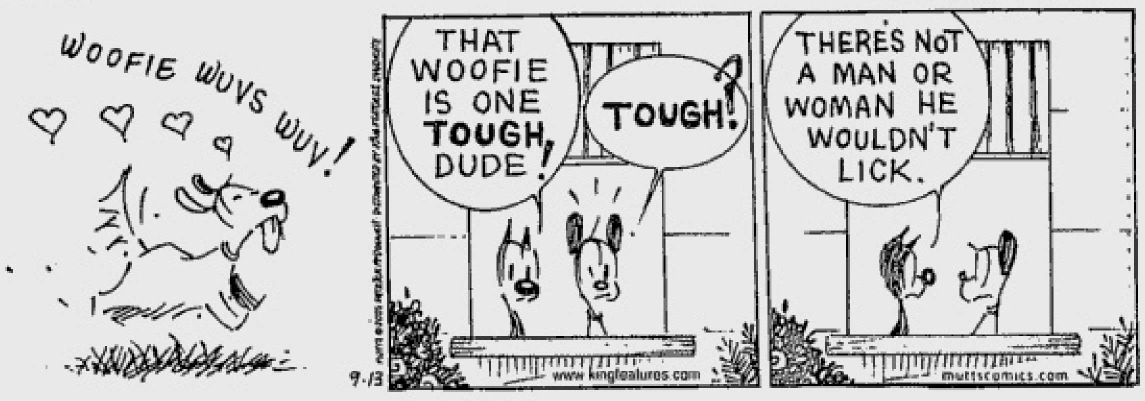
WOOFIE WUVS WUV!
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THAT WOOFIE IS ONE TOUGH, DUDE!
TOUGH?
THERE'S NOT A MAN OR WOMAN HE WOULDN'T LICK.
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ATOMO AND WEBOY
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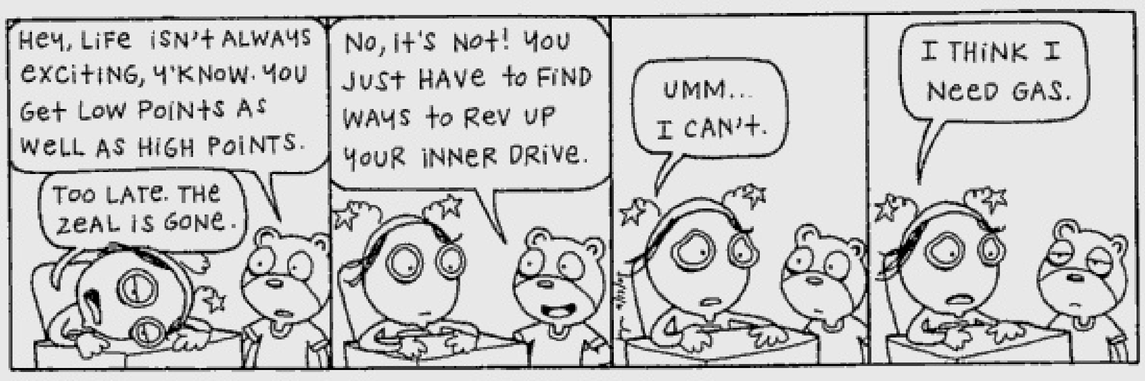
Hey, Life isn't always exciting, y'know. You get low points as well as high points.
Too late. The zeal is gone.
No, it's not! You just have to find ways to rev up your inner drive.
UMM... I CAN'T.
I THINK I NEED GAS.

DIVINE COMEDY
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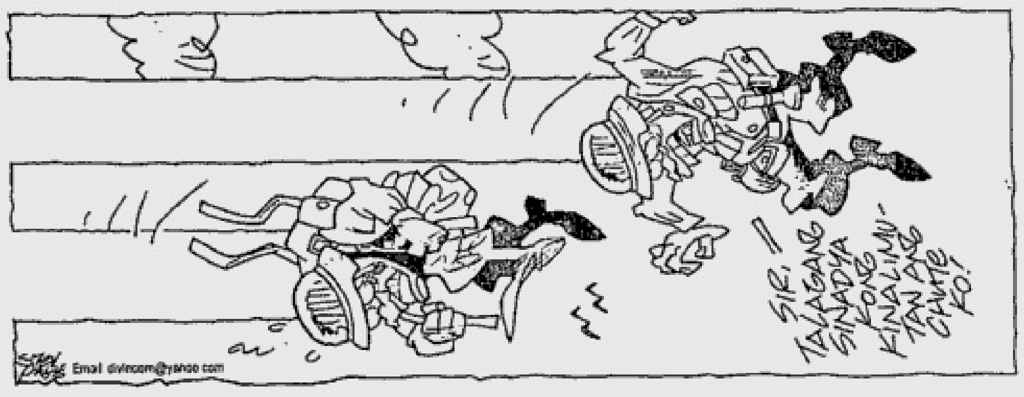
SIR, TALAGANG SINADYA KONG KINALIMUTAN ANG CHUTE KO!
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WHEN SOLDIERS COMMIT SUICIDE

HOROSCOPE
BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're passionate about everything. You have enormous devotion to whatever you pursue in life. This makes you a marvelous teacher or student. You expect results. Because of this, you can achieve much! Perseverance and dedication to a cause is priceless. Your closest relationships and partnerships are your primary focus in the year ahead.
Birthdate of: Jacqueline Bissett, actress; David Clayton-Thomas, singer; Roald Dahl, author.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): This is a fabulous day to work and accomplish great things. You have tons of energy. It's all go, go, go. Your ruler, Mars, is beautifully lined up with the Sun today.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Don't you feel good? Mars is in your sign (where, by an unusual celestial event, it will stay until February), and today it makes a lovely aspect to the Sun. You're playful, flirtatious and youthful!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): This is a good day to clean up areas and hidden places in your home. In a way, you can also clean up "dark areas" in every aspect of your life. You're like a hot knife cutting through butter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): What a wonderful day for group activities! Contact friends. Accept all invitations. Enjoy the company of others. Physical activities will delight you now.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): You're ambitious, but not only that, you're also optimistic about your chances. You see new ways of making money or improving your chances to earn a living.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Travel plans are exciting. You can make great headway today in matters connected with foreign countries, publishing, the media, legal matters and medicine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You'll be successful dealing with insurance matters, debt, taxes and shared property. You seem to know what others want to do. Not only that, you're confident about your decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Others respect what you say and do today. You're extremely forthright and decisive. You also attract strong-minded people to you today. (It's an interesting day!)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You're like a whirlwind at work today. You have a finger in every pie. (You're buzzing around with an outboard motor on your back.)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): This is an extremely creative time for you. There's so much you want to explore. Different cultures, different ideas, religious nuances and philosophical notions—all these intrigue you now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): You're determined to make some changes at home today. Good. You've got all the energy you need to do this. Channel this energy into constructive activities.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Your communication skills are tops today. You can sell anyone anything. Now is the time to present your ideas to others. They will definitely hear you.

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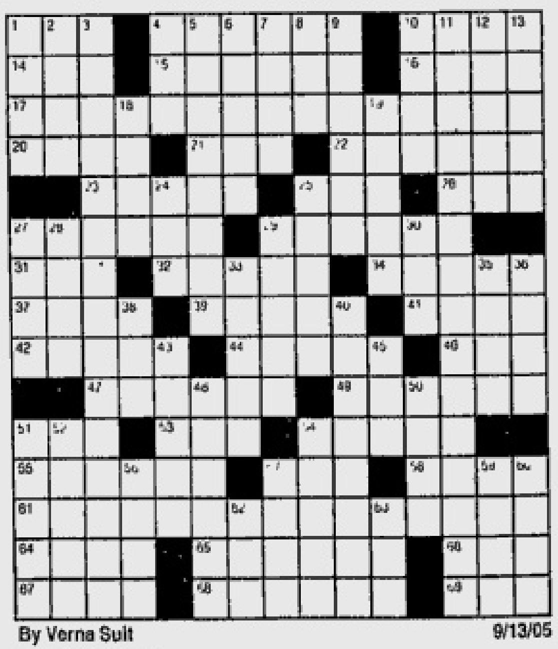

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1 Retired soldiers' org.
4 Sub detectors
10 Italian car maker
14 Actor Wallach
15 Historic Harlem theater
16 Sch. for Bruins
17 Three dry things
20 Explorer Tasman
21 Protest vote
22 Ribbed cloth
23 Expand
25 Vast expanse
26 Put down
27 Formed drops
29 Go after
31 Part of APB
32 Sweetie pie
34 Do figure eights
37 Jaunty rhythm
39 Bamboo eater
41 "Only Time" singer
42 Russian villa
44 Staggers
46 Non-negotiable starts?
47 Stanford of Stanford University
49 Illustrator Beardsley
51 1006 once
53 Contingencies
54 Skillful servers
55 Setting sights
57 Lawyers' grp.
58 Thought
61 Three dry things
64 Smith or Jackson
65 Perceptive
66 Bottle top
67 Appear
68 Made a home
69 UK distances

DOWN
1 Designer Wang
2 Goof
3 Three dry things
4 Sucker
5 Became available
6 Pitcher Ryan
7 Friendly nation
8 "Kidnapped" auth.
9 David of the Supreme Court
10 Honshu peak
11 Three dry things
12 Big name in aluminum
13 Shabby
18 Skidded
19 Trumpets and tubas
24 Xmas month
25 Nappy leather
27 Like some eagles
28 Director Kazan
29 Yearned
30 Luau guitar, briefly
33 Mountain lakes
35 Actress Daly
36 No sweat
38 Smokey s middle name?
40 Menu option
43 Skirt shape
45 Seek damages
48 Crocheted throw
50 Panache
51 Mardi Gras wear
52 Curriculum __
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60 Small snakes
62 Exploit
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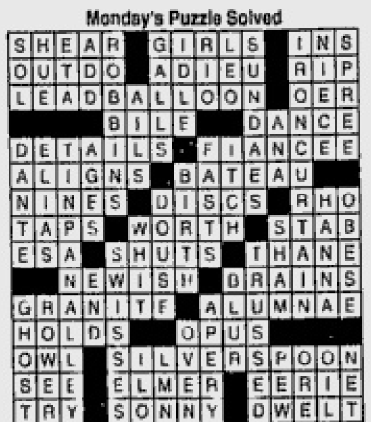
Monday's Puzzle Solved



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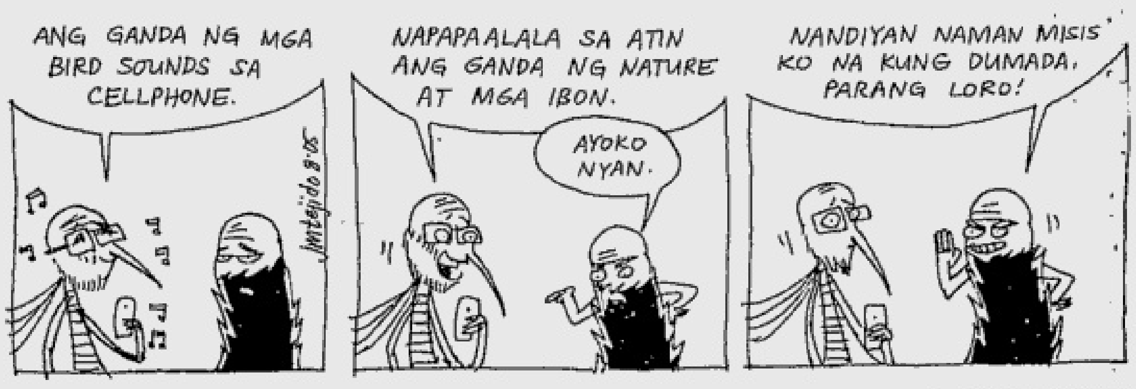
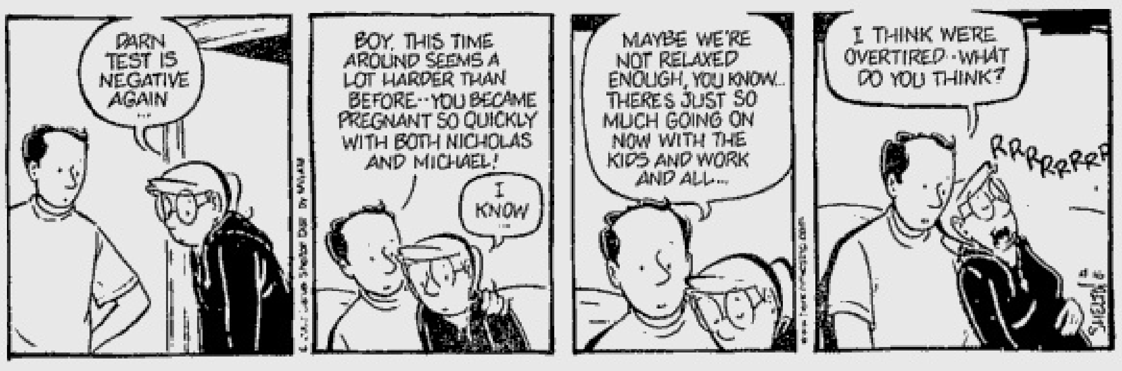
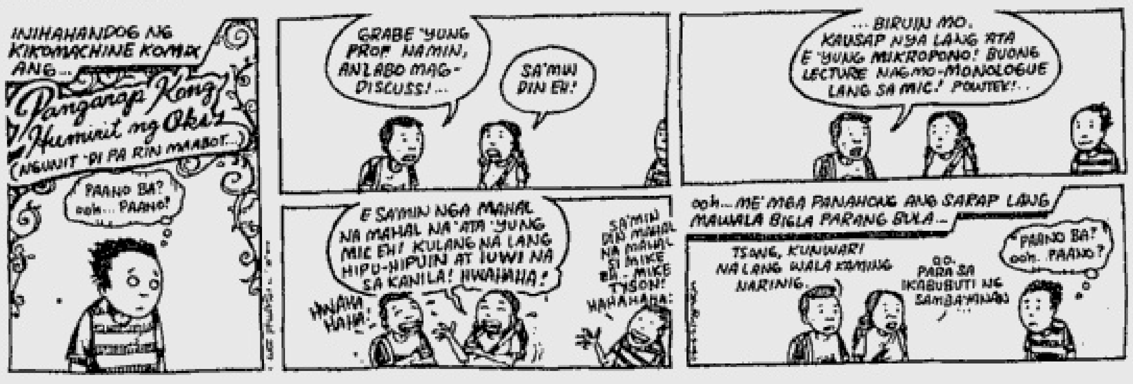

ANG GANDA NG MGA BIRD SOUNDS SA CELLPHONE.
jmtejido 8'05
NAPAPAALALA SA ATIN ANG GANDA NG NATURE AT MGA IBON.
AYOKO NYAN.
NANDIYAN NAMAN MISIS KO NA KUNG DUMADA, PARANG LORO!

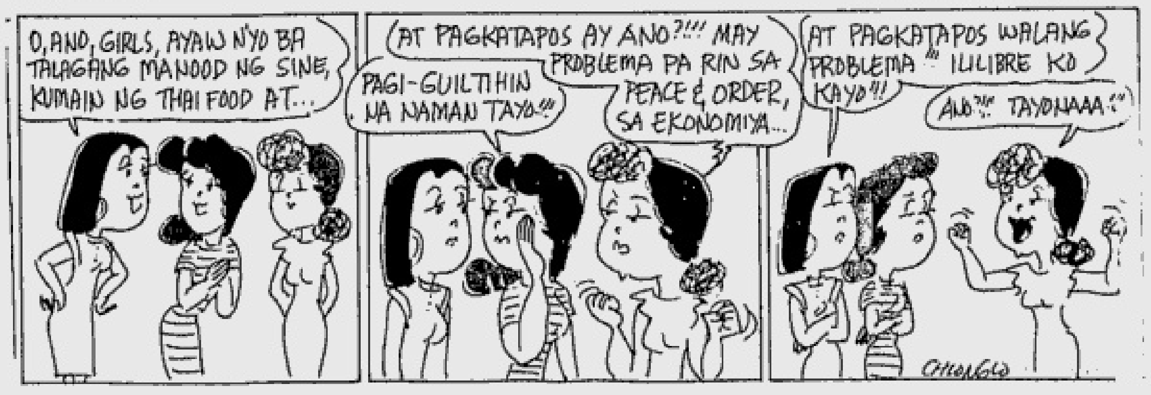
BEN
BY DANIEL SHELTON


DARN TEST IS NEGATIVE AGAIN
BOY, THIS TIME AROUND SEEMS A LOT HARDER THAN BEFORE... YOU BECAME PREGNANT SO QUICKLY WITH BOTH NICHOLAS AND MICHAEL!
I KNOW
MAYBE WE'RE NOT RELAXED ENOUGH, YOU KNOW... THERE'S JUST SO MUCH GOING ON NOW WITH THE KIDS AND WORK AND ALL...
I THINK WE'RE OVERTIRED - WHAT DO YOU THINK?
RRRRRRRR

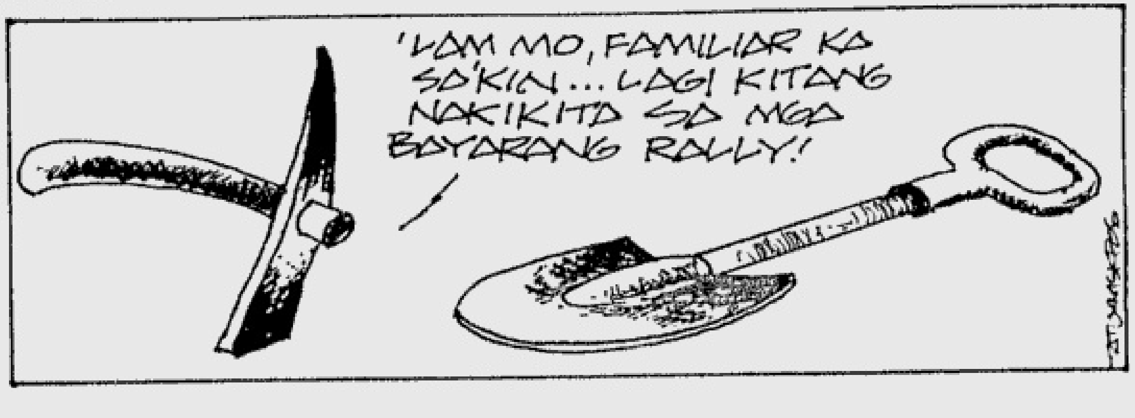
KIKO MACHINE
BY MANIX ABRERA


INIHAHANDOG NG KIKOMACHINE KOMIX ANG...
Pangarap Kong Humirit ng Oks
(NGUNIT 'DI PA RIN MAABOT...)
PAANO BA? ooh... PAANO!
GRABE 'YUNG PROF NAMIN, ANLABO MAG-DISCUSS!...
SA'MIN DIN EH!
... BIRUIN MO. KAUSAP NYA LANG ATA E 'YUNG MIKROPONO! BUONG LECTURE NAGMO-MONOLOGUE LANG SA MIC! POWTEK!..
E SA'MIN NGA MAHAL NA MAHAL NA ATA 'YUNG MIC EH! KULANG NA LANG HIPU-HIPUIN AT IUWI NA SA KANILA! HWAHAHA!
HWAHA HAHA!
SA'MIN DIN MAHAL NA MAHAL SI MIKE EH.. MIKE TYSON! HAHAHAHA!
ooh... ME' MGA PANAHONG ANG SARAP LANG MAWALA BIGLA PARANG BULA...
TSONG, KUNWARI NA LANG WALA KAMING NARINIG.
OO. PARA SA IKABUBUTI NG SAMBAYANAN
PAANO BA? ooh.. PAANO?

LOVEKNOTS
BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


O, ANO, GIRLS, AYAW N'YO BA TALAGANG MANOOD NG SINE, KUMAIN NG THAI FOOD AT...
AT PAGKATAPOS AY ANO?!!! MAY PROBLEMA PA RIN SA PEACE & ORDER, SA EKONOMIYA...
PAGI-GUILTIHIN NA NAMAN TAYO!!!
AT PAGKATAPOS WALANG PROBLEMA ILILIBRE KO KAYO!!
ANO?!! TAYONAAA!
CHIONGLO

TULDOK
BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

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Name of the Project	:	Revenue Generation System
Location	:	Maasin City
Brief Description	:	Supply of system application software and hardware, database construction and training and technical support
Approved Budget of the Contract	:	Ten Million pesos, Philippine currency (Php 10,000,000.00)
Bid Documents Fee	:	0.1% of the Approved Budget of the Contract (Non-refundable)

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last two (2) years with an amount of at least fifty percent (50%) of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use the non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to the Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Pre-Bidding Conference, evaluation of bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of RA No. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

The complete schedule of activities are as follows:

Issuance of bid documents	September 28-30, 2005
Pre-bid conference	September 27, 2005
Opening of bids	October 10, 2005
Bid Evaluation	October 11-14, 2005
Post-evaluation	October 17-21, 2005
Notice of Award	October 24, 2005

Bid documents will be available only to eligible bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount as reflected under "Bid Documents Fee" above to the City Treasury Services.

For more information, please contact the BAC Secretariat at telephone numbers 570-8608 or 5708824.

The City Government of Maasin assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate and indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of bid. The Bids and Awards Committee of the City of Maasin reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defects or formality therein and to accept bids considered complying and most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **CRISPIN M. ARONG, JR.**
Chairman

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The interested bidders may obtain information, secure list of bidding documents from **BOHECO-I** Main Office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand and Two Hundred Pesos (Php 1,200.00).

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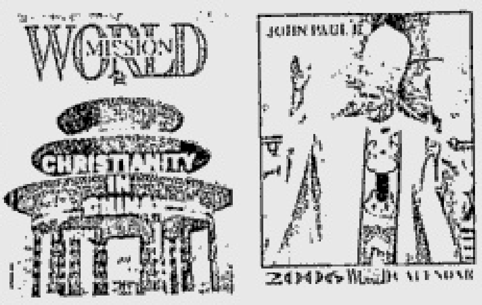

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June 8, 1951 – September 13, 2001

Her husband **Ron**; daughter **Rhoni**; parents **Gen.** (†) and **Mrs. Romeo C. Espino**; brothers and sisters **Leslie** and **Diana**, **Ralph** and **Cristina**, **Ricardo** and **Maribelle**, **Helene** and **Tito**; nieces **Monica** and husband **Michael**, **Adelaide**, **Nikki** and husband **Giancarlo**; nephews **Richard**, **Paolo** and **Julian** request relatives, friends and the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for her today, September 13, 2005 at:

St. Denis Parish, Menlo Park, California .... 8:00 a.m.
Mary the Queen Parish, Greenhills, San Juan .... 6:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Parish, Magallanes Village, Makati .... 6:00 p.m.
Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Poblacion, Makati .... 6:30 p.m.
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In Loving Memory

of

VIOLETA CALVO-DRILON

(August 20, 1943 – September 13, 1995)

Senate President Franklin M. Drilon, his wife **Mila**, and children **Eliza** and **Patrick**, request relatives and friends to remember her in their prayers on her Tenth Death Anniversary.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered today
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Lady of the Abandoned Church, Sta. Ana, Manila .... 7:00 AM
La Consolation Convent, Santolan .... 6:00 AM
Our Lady of Edsa Shrine, Edsa, Quezon City .... 12:15 PM
Holy Cross Church, J.P. Rizal, Makati City .... 6:30 AM & 6:00 PM

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He gave His
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begotten
Son, that
whoever
believes in
Him shall
not perish
but have
everlasting
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John 3:16

Our Beloved

Amparo "Paring" Garcia Estayan

Peacefully joined her Creator on September 10, 2005 at the age of 78.

Atty. Mario Estayan her beloved husband; children **Dr. Milagros E. Floranda, Lilia Rutledge, Elena, Nida, Belinda, Richardson, Mario Jr.**, and grandchildren request the reader to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lies in state at Arlington Memorial Chapel, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005.

Our Beloved

GREGORIO TOVERA CUARESMA

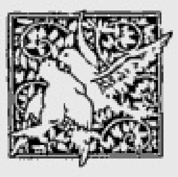
of Bacnotan, La Union and Casiguran, Aurora

Passed away in Quezon City on September 10, 2005 at the age of 69.

His wife **Ester**; daughter **Cristina**; sister **Remy**; brother **Noli**; grandson **Trian**, relatives and friends request pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

He belonged to A.B. Class of 1958 at Ateneo.

His remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe. Interment will be on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina after 9:00 a.m. Mass.



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August 10, 1908 – August 19, 2005

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We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbors who so kindly comforted us with words of sympathy, beautiful flowers and many acts of kindness at the time of death and burial of our beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Wilhelmina and Antonio Angel, children and grandchildren

Our Dearly Beloved

SK ELEUTERIO "EYOY" B. GALVANTE, SR.

(Knights of Columbus Council 5579,
Our Lady of Fatima Parish Bacood, Sta. Mesa)

Peacefully joined our Lord on September 10, 2005 at the age of 92.

His beloved wife **Eficares**; children **Erlinda, Evelyn, Eleanor** (†), **Edgar, Emmanuel, Eleuterio Jr., Editha, Elysses, Emelito** and **Esteve**; in-laws, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Necrological services will be held on September 16, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. A special mass will also be offered on September 17, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Cremation will be on September 18, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

Magdalena De Leon Guevarra

of Tanauan City, peacefully joined her Creator
on September 11, 2005 at the age of 97.

Her late husband **Daniel Rodrigo Gueverra** (†); loving children **Paula, Lolita** and **Ponciano, Lourdes** and **Guillermo, Veronica** and **Cesar, Rosalinda** and **Remigio, Danilo** (†) and **Fortunata, Ester** and **Jun, Edgardo** (†) and **Lumen, Edna** and **Rolly, Lorna** and **Winfred**; grandchildren and relatives request prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

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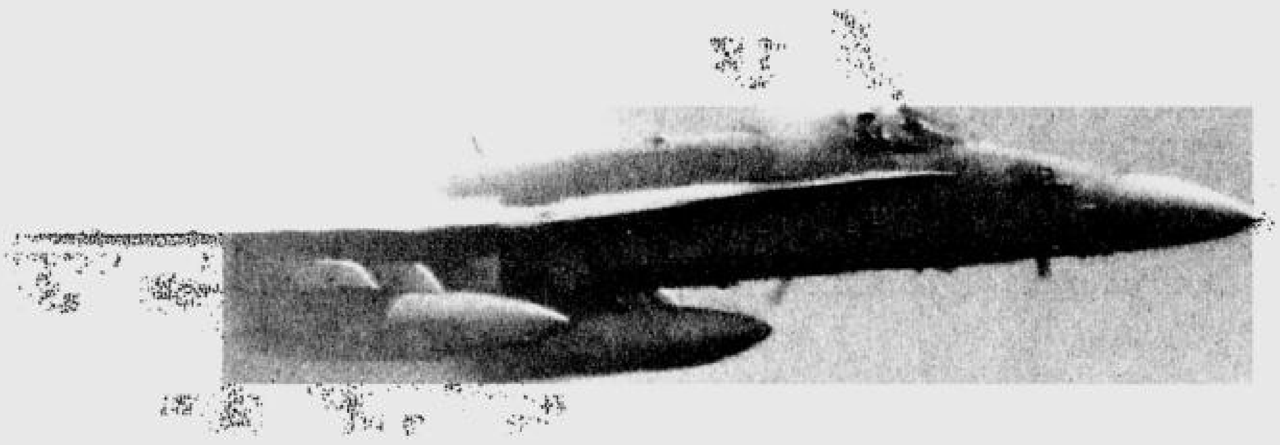

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

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3. The Commission on Audit will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on 1:30 p.m., September 15, 2005 at COA Conference Room, COA Regional Office No. X, Cagayan de Oro City.
4. Deadline for submission of Bids shall be on 1:30 p.m., September 28, 2005, at COA Regional Office No. X, Cagayan de Oro City. Immediately after the deadline, bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the above address.
5. The Commission on Audit reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) **FELIX P. ALBINDA**
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National Power Corporation
GEOTHERMAL GENERATION
BAC-MAN GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT COMPLEX

August 31, 2005

INVITATION TO BID

INTERESTED PARTIES / SUPPLIERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC BIDDING TO BE CONDUCTED ON October 5, 2005 2:00 P.M. FOR:

PR#3BAC-05-0397 / PB-05-0555 - WORK ORDER
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COST ESTIMATE: Php 1,674,999.94

COPIES OF BID DOCUMENTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM PROCUREMENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, GROUND FLOOR, BAC-MAN GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT COMPLEX AND MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE October 05, 2005 10:00 A.M.

ALL BIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH BID SECURITY IN THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

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BAC Chairman, BMGPP Complex

(PDI – Sept. 6 & 13, 2005)

TransCo
National Transmission Corporation

Section I. Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Design, Supply, Delivery and Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Digital Video Recorder Surveillance System for Installation of Five (5) Surveillance Locations on Various TransCo Building

(Reference No.: PB050816–RM0084)

1. The *NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION, Head Office Region* (TRANSCO-HO) through the *2005 Corporate Budget approved by the TransCo Board* intends to apply the sum of *Php 4,084,800.00* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *PR No. SD-05-009698 Design, Supply, Delivery and Installation Testing and Commissioning of Digital Video Recorder Surveillance System for Installation of Five (5) Surveillance Locations on Various TransCo Building.* Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.
2. The *TRANSCO-HO* now invites Bids from Eligible Bidders for *Design, Supply, Delivery and Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Digital Video Recorder Surveillance System for Installation of Five (5) Surveillance Locations on Various TransCo Building.* Delivery of the GOODS and SERVICES is required ***ninety (90) days after receipt of Approved Purchase Order.*** The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183). and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.
4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below from September 13, 2005 to October 13, 2005 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of *Php 1,000.00.* The method of payment will be *Cash.* The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
5. The *TRANSCO-HO* will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on *September 28, 2005 / 10:00 A.M. at the address below.*
6. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before *October 14, 2005 / 10:00 A.M.* All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in any of the following form or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Form of Security	Minimum Amount in % of Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid
1. Cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit (1% of ABC)	Php 50,000.00
2. Bank guarantee (1.5% of ABC)	Php 75,000.00
3. Surety bond (2.5% of ABC)	Php 125,000.00
4. Foreign government guarantee (100%) of ABC	Php 5,000,000.00

7. Bid opening shall be on *October 14, 2005 / 10:00 A.M.* at the *Admin Conference Room same address below.* Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
8. The *National Transmission Corporation* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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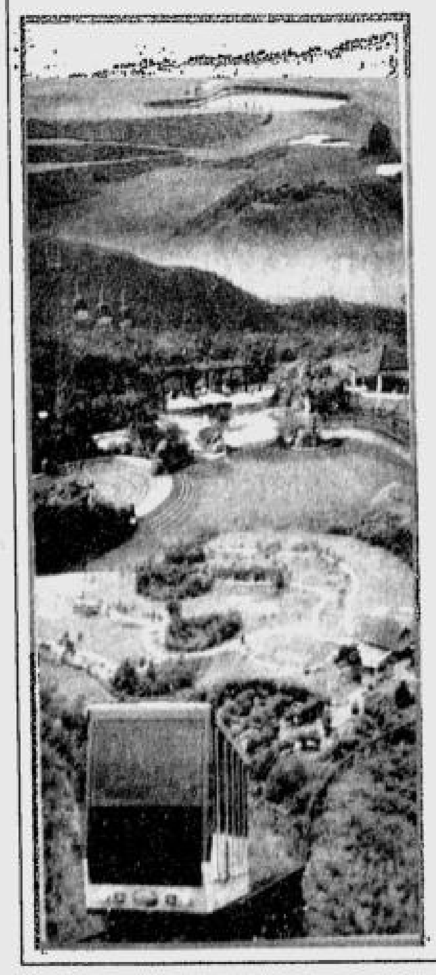

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BUSINESS

UN body supports RP plea for debt relief

By Michelle V. Remo

THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELopment Programme (UNDP) has encouraged the Philippines to seek debt relief, and convince foreign creditors to collect payments only after the country achieves its poverty-reduction and development goals by 2015.

Manuel Montes, regional program coordinator of the UNDP, said the Philippine government's huge allocation of funds for debt servicing was a major hindrance to its achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The MDGs, agreed upon by member-countries in 2000, aims to improve human condition by eradicating extreme poverty, and delivering health and other basic services by 2015.

"It's very legitimate for the Philippines to ask for debt relief," Montes said. He explained that while the government has worked on the implementation of revenue-raising measures, such as expanding the coverage of the value-added tax (VAT), the revenues would not be enough to fund basic services that Filipinos deserve.

Much of the revenues would only be used to plug the government's budget deficit and reduce its debts.

Data from the Department of Finance showed that for every peso collected by the government, 86 centavos automatically go to debt servicing and only 14 centavos are used to pay salaries of state employees and fund social services and infrastructure.

As of June this year, the national government's debt has already reached P3.891 trillion. Of the amount, P1.856 trillion is owed to foreign creditors.

A survey by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) in 2004 showed that 15.1 percent of households had nothing to eat at least once in the three months.

Montes said that the coming 2005 World Summit, which will run until Sept. 15, should be the venue for the Philippines, other developing countries and least developed countries to call for debt relief from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Asian Development Bank.

While rich countries last June agreed to write off the debt of 18 countries—16 African and two Latin American—Montes said the move was not enough to help keep the world on track to meet the MDGs.

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RP top in remittance innovations

By Doris C. Dumlao

ALBERT O. RODRIGUEZ

THE PHILIPPINES CAN TEACH the world a thing or two about innovative ways to capture migrant remittances, multilateral development institutions said yesterday.

In a conference jointly organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)/Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF) and United Nations Development Programme, experts said the Philippines was a global pioneer in terms of cash transfer technology as well as deployment of overseas contract workers.

"There is no better example than the Philippines as a case study for the importance of remittances, given the fact that over $15 billion annually (including estimated inflows from informal channels) is received in this country in the form of remittances alone," said Yiping Zhou, director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation at UNDP.

The two-day conference which opened yesterday focused on the theme "Remittances and Poverty Reduction:Learning from Regional Experiences and Perspectives," gathering 36 remittance experts from across Asia and Latin America and more than 200 delegates from at least 50 nations.

Zhou said the Philippines had one of the world's most comprehensive systems for recruitment, training and deployment of OFWs, a system that could be shared to benefit other developing countries.

Robert Bestani, director general of ADB's private sector finance, added that the text or SMS (short messaging system)-based cash transfer technology introduced by Globe Telecoms and Smart Communications Inc. had put the Philippines "right on the cutting edge of (remittances) technology."

Bestani said the ADB initially thought that automated teller machines were a good and efficient way of remitting cash until it realized that there were not enough ATMs in the Philippines.

The country has more than 16.4 million ATM cardholders and 6,000 ATMs nationwide compared to about 30 million mobile phone users.

Lowering the cost of remittances and channeling the funds to productive investments, however, remained a key challenge to many developing countries, including the Philippines.

Bestani said: "Migrant remittances have been consistently fueling economic growth in developing countries by providing foreign exchange resources. What we need to do now is to further capitalize on their impact on alleviating poverty and facilitating development at the household, community, national and international levels."

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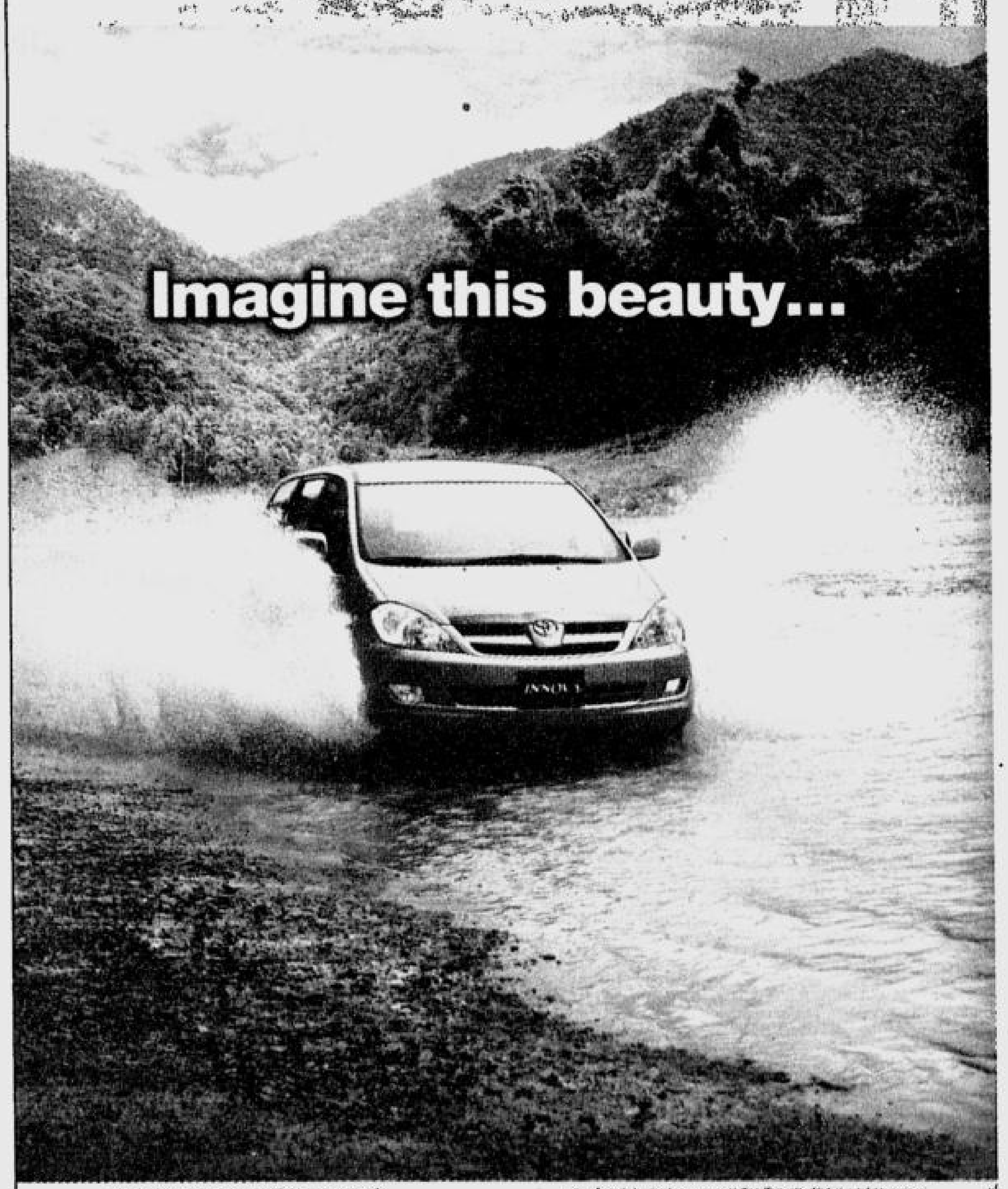

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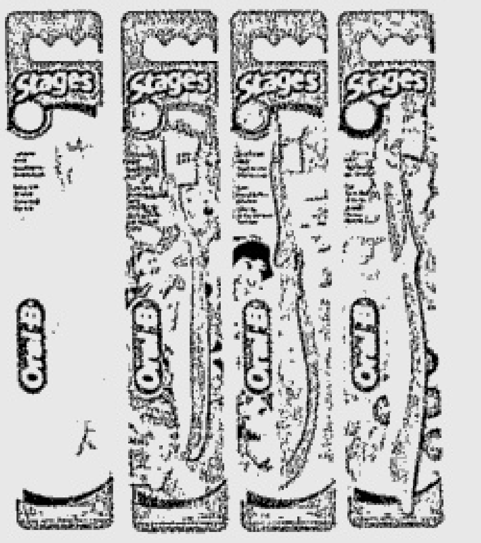
Right care for young teeth



By Vangie Baga-Reyes

HOW WELL YOU USE YOUR toothbrush matters more than which one you buy.

However, your teeth and gums will be much healthier if you use a brush that reaches every part of your mouth. This is particularly important for children whose teeth need close supervision.

Dr. Eric Hernandez, professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of the Philippines College of Dentistry, says, "...even before your child gets his first tooth, it is important to [practice] mouth care."

Children's oral development is very complex, requiring specialized care according to age. Parents have to understand and deal with about four oral stages.

These are, as explained by Dr. Hernandez:

Stage one (4-24 months)

- Before any tooth has erupted, use a soft cloth to clean an infant's gums and mouth.
- When the first teeth appear, brush them after each feeding with a brush with very soft bristles.
- Schedule a visit to the dentist so that children become comfortable with dental visits at an early age.
- Get advice from a dental professional regarding the use of fluoride toothpaste and supplements.

Stage two (2-4 years old)

- He/she should have a dental checkup at least twice a year.
- Encourage kids to brush regularly; make it a "fun" experience.
- Children learning to brush have limited dexterity. Give them a toothbrush with a chunky, easy-to-grip handle.
- Begin to floss a child's teeth once a day.
- Start healthy habits early. Encourage kids to snack on non-sugary, healthy snacks.

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Stage three (5-7 years old)

- At this stage, kids have better dexterity. Give them a toothbrush with an oversized, nonslip grip.
- Parents should teach kids how to floss their own teeth and should encourage them to do so daily.
- Continue to promote healthy, non-sugary snacks. Cheese can stimulate the flow of saliva and may reduce cavities.

Stage four (8 years old and above)

- A child should now be brushing and flossing on a regular basis with less parental supervision.
- Parents should check with a dentist to determine whether their kids are getting enough fluoride—either through drinking water or fluoride toothpaste.
- Kids at this stage have a mixture of permanent and first teeth, and may be reluctant to brush due to gum sensitivity. Encourage regular brushing with a soft, multi-level bristled brush.

Meeting the need

One of the best ways for children to have healthy teeth and gums is to brush regularly and properly. But it is important to choose the right toothbrush.

"Parents should choose bristles that are soft and round-ended," says Dr. Hernandez. "They will clean teeth, gums and tongue much better than stiff bristles, and with less chance of affecting tooth enamel and gums."

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INSIDE OUT

Cory Quirino

THE ADVICE IS ALWAYS THE SAME—EAT A balanced diet. But what exactly does that mean?

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Fiber—carbo, veggies and fruits contain fiber. Insoluble fiber, found in all plants (wheat, corn, rice, etc.), prevents constipation. Soluble fibers from fruits, oat, barley, rye bring down cholesterol levels.

Fats—they are not as bad for you as you may think. Suggest-

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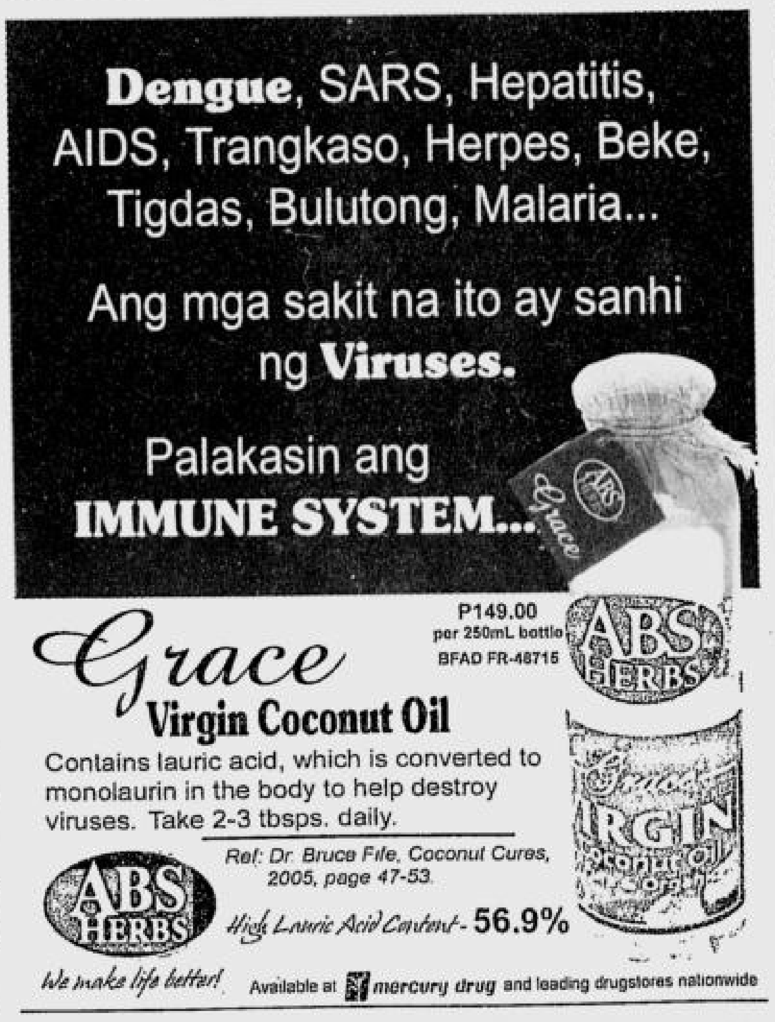
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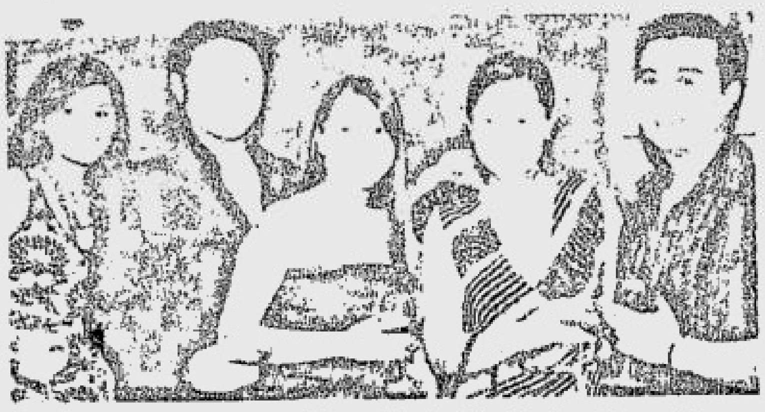

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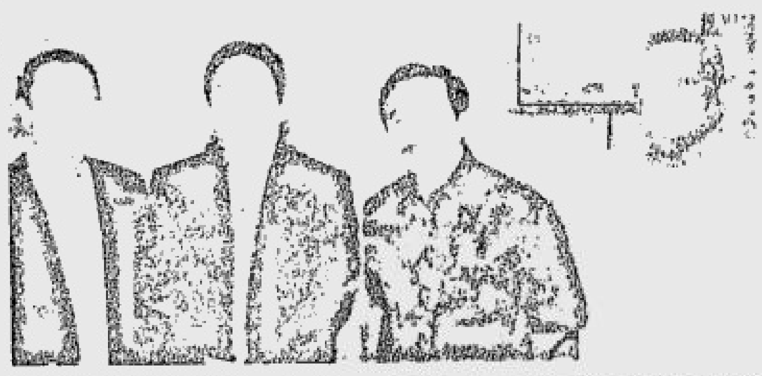

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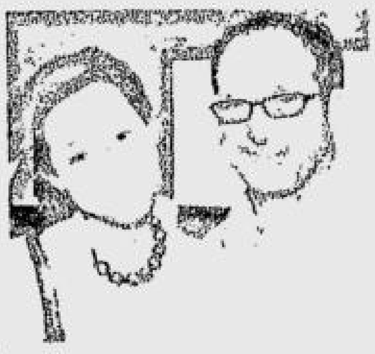

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ATTRACTIVE CYBER SMART LADY **Agnes T. Huibonhoa**, honorary consul of Gambia, hosted a smashing cocktail happening at the elegant Mandarin Oriental Hotel for well-respected Gambian President **Alhaji Dr. Yahya A.J.J. Jammeh**.

Gambian Foreign Affairs Secretary **Musa Bala Gaye** and Consul Huibonhoa offered a toast to the energetic and influential President Jammeh.

While circulating among the chi-chi set, *moi* discovered interesting bits and pieces of information on the links between President Jammeh, the guest of honor, and the invitees.

While watching two hotshots converse, I found out that former President **Fidel V. Ramos** is a real close friend of President Jammeh. During the official visit of President Jammeh, the two reminisced on their past experiences together.

In another part of the ballroom, **Ben** and **Viring Guingona** chatted with former Sen. **Loren Legarda** who looked d-i-v-i-n-e in a Muslim-inspired outfit with African colors. Her choice of attire was a dramatic way of honoring the guest of honor. Now, that's one bright gal who knows what's it's all about, dahlings.

Now it was interesting that in the cocktail party was glamorous, statuesque former First Lady **Imelda Romualdez-Marcos**, who apparently met and knew President Jammeh when he was only... take note, 11 years young. The First Lady, together with former President **Ferdinand Marcos**, went on a state visit to Gambia and met with President Jammeh's father.

Despite his young age then, President Jammeh remembered vividly the occasion and said, "It's like a reunion of old friends."

Pointing to the Libyan ambassador to the Philippines, **Salem Adam**, our hostess Agnes told me he lived in Gambia for five years, because it was his first assignment in the diplomatic corps.

Newly appointed and already well-liked Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines **Peter Sutherland** also went to Gambia several years ago. He was then assigned to the Ivory Coast and Gambia was under its jurisdiction.

Lady of ladies **Beth Day-Romulo**, another prominent guest, has a strong bond with Gambia because the late **Carlos P. Romulo** became secretary general of the United Nations partly due to the support of the African states.

Needless to say, *palanggas*, in full force was the Department of Foreign Affairs with several high officials present, headed by Undersecretary **Franklin Ebdalin** and his wife **Cora**. One, *naturellement* couldn't miss the chic diplomatic pack that was here, there and just everywhere.

Then there were our town's hotshots, like Pagcor chair **Efraim Genuino** and president **Rafael Francisco**; brilliant, low-profile **Tessie Sy Coson** of the SM Group of Companies; *el señor* **Babes Romualdez**; **Ramon Illusorio** of Multinational Bancorporation who also happens to be the consul of Finland; **Jay Fonacier** of Odyssey Music and Video; and **Cris Frianeza** of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, plus several others just like them, *palanggas*.

Construction magnate **Joey Antonio** and wife, vibrantly fun **Hilda**, were *tres* visible, after all, Joey's Century Properties was one of the first companies to bag an awesome contract in Gambia for an infrastructure project funded by the European Union. Not bad, huh? Not bad at all.

Consul Huibonhoa made sure her glam pals were there! Yes, dahlings, they were.

Some invitees said the women looked "so pretty." Well, maybe it was because everyone there was a friend... no jealous personalities were invited.

One guest even told *moi*, "this is a low-key affair." *Naturellement*, this guest's version of "low-key" was some people's definition of major entertaining, *n'est-ce pas*?

Watchable affair

Being a watch freak, *moi* always make it a point to go to affairs, *palanggas*, involving timepieces. So I went when one of the popular Swiss watch brands in the world, Omega, launched its exciting new addition to the Omega Seamaster range, the fab Planet Ocean. The event was attended by Omega's mega hotshot vice president for product development and designer of the Planet Ocean line **Jean Claude Monachon** and Omega area sales manager **Oliver Hugentobler**, so I immediately knew we were in for a smashing good time.

The grand ballroom of Makati's Shangri-La Hotel was transformed into an underwater scene complete with the calming sound of the ocean. Planet Ocean endorser and Olympic champion **Michael Phelps** displayed the watch in an awesome dramatic action. Apparently Michael P.'s main rival, Australian Olympic gold medalist, **Ian Thorpe** also happens to be an ambassador of Planet Ocean. That's competition at its best, *palanggas*.

Omega's newest baby was inspired by the clown fish, with its vibrant hues. My favorite was the super cool eye-catching orange leather-strapped piece with an orange bezel. It was a major fashionable watch made in the uncompromising standards of Omega.

Available in two sizes, this fab dream watch also includes an all-steel version, as well as brown alligator leather and black rubber straps.

The affair had loads of hotshot invitees from corporate types to the fashionable ones and show-biz personalities, all of them watch connoisseurs, natch.

Stunningly gorgeous **Lucy Torres**, along with her hubby **Richard Gomez**, excellently hosted the occasion, *palanggas*. Oh-so-lucky Marie Claire fashion editor, an ecstatic **Rorie Carlos**, won the wow Planet Ocean watch.

With fabulous cocktails from Haiku and flowing Wolf Blass wines from Premiere Wines and Spirits, everyone stayed on and on and on, *palanggas*. This fun event was superbly organized by Leading Events Networks Inc.

CHILE ambassador's wife Joana Montero, Angola Consul Helen Ong, glamorous Guatemala Consul Mellie Ablaza, Letty Vda. de Syquia, Foreign Affairs Assistant Secretary Delia Rosal and hard-working socialite Naty Vda. de Pappas

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New buys

Many people were once motivated by what was easy to do, practical and expedient. But today's shoppers are influenced by a new consciousness—health.

At the recent Asian Food Expo at the World Trade Center, innovations in the market were clearly welcomed with enthusiasm by visitors and shoppers. Here are some of them:

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Soy sensations

Indofine International introduced soy pancakes with green tea (GMO-free, all natural, *halal*); soy smoothies—powdery mix to be blended with soya milk and ice for a refreshing protein booster for the day; 100 percent veggie juices—tasty, interesting fruit juice combinations (beet root, carrot, purple carrot and mixed vegetables). Call Glo Suyat at 6877585; 0917-8589887.

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Tuna triumphs

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This week's answer to our feature question was provided by our five-year medical service provider from Chinese General Hospital, Dr. Edward Lorenzo Lim. Doc Ed specializes in IM-Gastroenterology and has been in practice for five years now. He earned his medical degree from the University of Sto Tomas in 1991, followed by his residency training for a specialization in Internal Medicine from Chinese General Hospital and later had his subspecialization training in Gastroenterology from Santo Tomas' University Hospital in 2000. Dr. Ed is a fellow of the Philippine College of Physicians, Philippine Society of Gastroenterology and the Philippine Society of Digestive Endoscopy. MEDICard members may visit him for consultation services at Chinese General Hospital, Mondays to Saturdays from 1pm to 5pm

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New buys

Many people were once motivated by what was easy to do, practical and expedient. But today's shoppers are influenced by a new consciousness—health.

At the recent Asian Food Expo at the World Trade Center, innovations in the market were clearly welcomed with enthusiasm by visitors and shoppers. Here are some of them:

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Soy sensations

Indofine International introduced soy pancakes with green tea (GMO-free, all natural, *halal*); soy smoothies—powdery mix to be blended with soya milk and ice for a refreshing protein booster for the day; 100 percent veggie juices—tasty, interesting fruit juice combinations (beet root, carrot, purple carrot and mixed vegetables). Call Glo Suyat at 6877585; 0917-8589887.

A different 'bangus'

Make *bangus* one of your gourmet companions. It now comes in forms you least expect.

Uni-Pak—Baby *bangus* cooked in soy bean oil without after taste easily compares with the best sardines. It is available in flavors and food combinations (Spanish style, *paksiw*, black beans) to satisfy your taste buds in supermarkets. An entire baby bangus with no preservatives fits in one small vacuum-packed can. You get best value for your money. (SLORD Development Corporation)

Tilapia (St. Peter's Fish) treats

Amazing combinations and presentations can help vary your meal preparations. In ready to cook and microwaveable packs are *siomai* (dumplings), mini sausages/*longganisa*, fish/spring rolls, breaded fillets, *tocino*, corned fish, milk fish curry, *siopao asado, sisig* (Bulacan, Fisher Farms, Inc. Call Alvin Gimelo at (44)6760000; 0917-8111499; e-mail agimelo@yahoo.com)

Tuna triumphs

Asia-Pacific Tuna Corporation, a tuna export giant of General Santos City, is now catering to the domestic market. A wide selection of tuna, with all its omega-3 benefits, can now be had. Under the labels Dolly, Philbest and Diana, one can enjoy tuna classics, regular and spicy, *afritada*, nuggets, meatball *hamonado* and classic, tuna *sisig*, burger patties, *chicharon* and more.

Available in all major supermarkets, call Irene Olanda at 0917-7155668; (Manila) 6350123 and 6350539; or e-mail Irene-olanda@philbest.com.ph

Cheese and more

You can't go wrong with high quality cheeses from Holland. The Frico brand offers a variety of cheeses including organic cheddar. Other products include non-GMO KC brand corn and Marca Piña cheese ball.

Fresh finds

Bounty Fresh's selenium-enriched farm-fresh eggs are a consistent favorite among the health-conscious. Now, fresh chickens and chicken hotdogs are available in S & R outlets.

Food shopping has become a more secure and satisfying experience as many customers now know that food manufacturers have only their best interests in mind.

Your shopping affirmation: "Health comes first. Healthy foods will only make me better."

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What causes Liver cancer? Is it also inherited?

Liver cancer or Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) is a malignant tumor of the liver. It is the second commonest cancer encountered in Southeast Asia. Males are more likely to develop liver cancer than female and it can affect all age groups. Some of the important etiologic factors leading to HCC are: Hepatitis B or C infection, liver cirrhosis, chronic alcohol intake and mould-infected nuts or cereals (aflatoxin). Studies have shown that cigarette smoking is a dose-dependent risk factor as well. The initial tests requested are ultrasound, CTScan or MRI. Serologic testing can be done utilizing Alpha 1 Fetoprotien (AFP), but a guided biopsy of the liver mass is needed to confirm diagnosis. Some of the treatment modalities for HCC are liver resection, percutaneous alcohol injection, trans-catheter arterial embolization, immunotherapy and liver transplantation. The best approach to HCC is still prevention. High risk individuals should be vaccinated against Hepatitis B infection, screened for Hepatitis C and yearly ultrasound for early diagnosis. There is no clear evidence of genetic predisposition in the development of HCC.

This week's answer to our feature question was provided by our five-year medical service provider from Chinese General Hospital. Dr. Edward Lorenzo Lim. Doc Ed specializes in IM-Gastroenterology and has been in practice for five years now. He earned his medical degree from the University of Sto Tomas in 1991, followed by his residency training for a specialization in Internal Medicine from Chinese General Hospital and later had his subspecialization training in Gastroenterology from Santo Tomas' University Hospital in 2000. Dr Ed is a fellow of the Philippine College of Physicians, Philippine Society of Gastroenterology and the Philippine Society of Digestive Endoscopy. MEDICard members may visit him for consultation services at Chinese General Hospital, Mondays to Saturdays from 1pm to 5pm

MEDICard's Medical Director, Dr. Nicky Montoya answers questions on health through the assistance and expertise of MEDICard's network of accredited specialists. Write to Dr. Nicky or E-mail him at inquiry@medicardphils.com for your inquiries on health matters.

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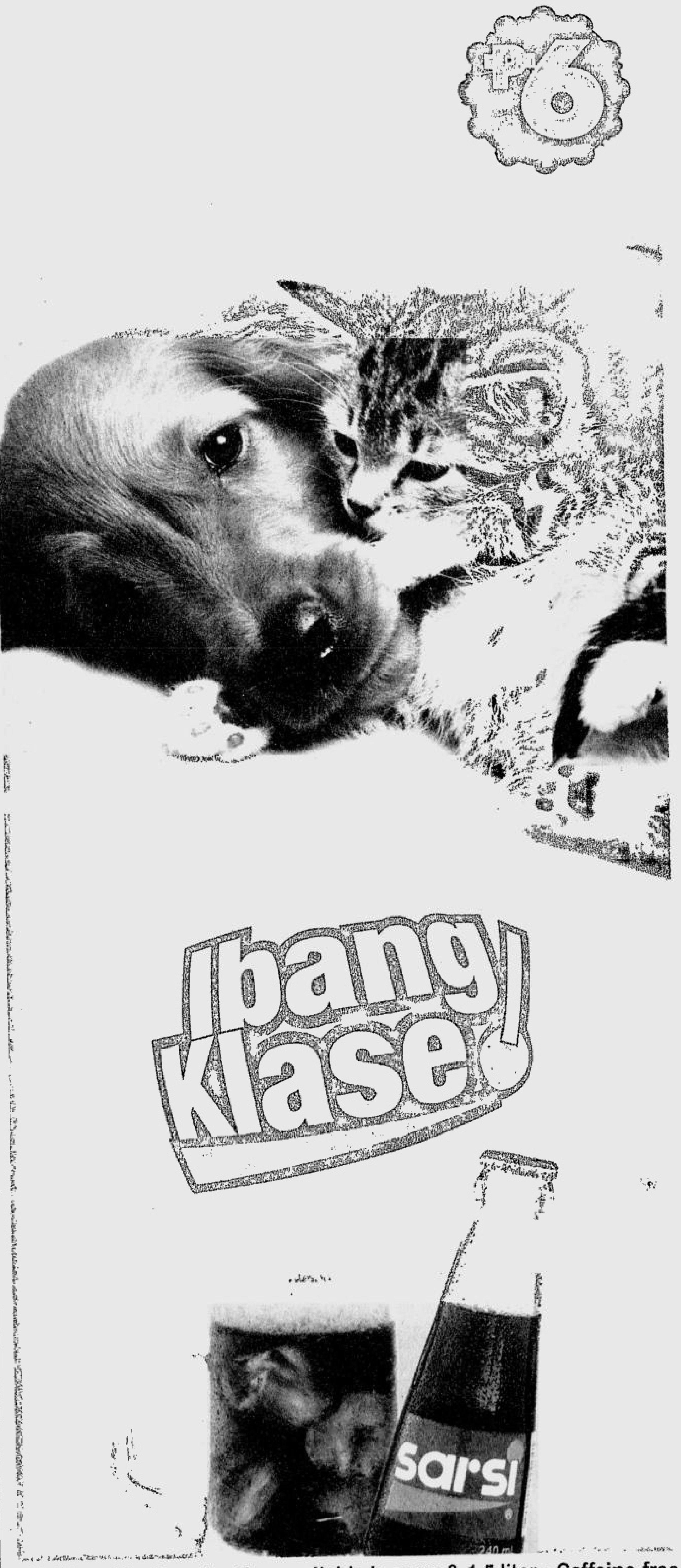

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– EXERCISE OF THE WEEK –

Horizontal scissors on mini ball

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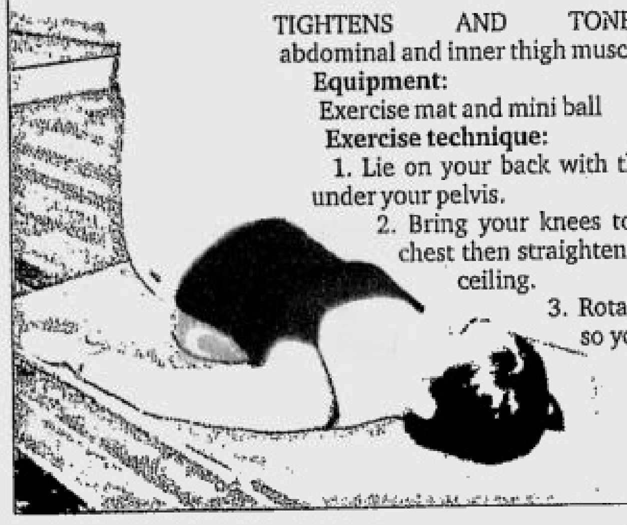
Equipment:

Exercise mat and mini ball

Exercise technique:

1. Lie on your back with the mini ball under your pelvis.
2. Bring your knees towards your chest then straighten them to the ceiling.
3. Rotate your legs so your heels are touching and toes are pointing outward.
4. Open your legs wide and flex your feet.
5. Bring your legs back together.
6. Do the desired number of repetitions.



Performance tips:

1. Inhale when the legs open; exhale as the legs close.
2. Flex your feet when the legs open; point your toes when the legs close but keep the legs rotated with the heels touching.

Repetitions:

Do 10 repetitions.

The F approach to weight control

WELL AND GOOD

Tina Juan

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ON COUNTLESS DIETS without long-term success, you may be interested in the Learn Program for Weight Control by Kelly Brownell, Yale University obesity research expert.

This self-help method is one of the most successful and most thoroughly tested lifestyle change programs for weight management.

Learn stands for five key components Brownell believes are essential to permanent weight control: lifestyle, exercise, attitude, relationships and nutrition.

Here are some tips to help you develop the "skillpower" to lose weight. I call it "The F Approach to Weight Control."

First things first

The first thing that needs to be done, says Brownell, is to find out if you have the commitment to lose weight. He suggests a set of questions.

Remember this is not a diet but a lifestyle plan for long-lasting behavioral change. Only you can tell whether the sacrifices you have to make are worth the benefits.

- How committed am I, not just today, but for the months ahead?
- Can I handle the stress of making changes in eating and exercise and still manage other responsibilities?
- Will I feel deprived or upset when making different food choices? Or will I feel challenged?
- When I stumble, can I recover my balance?
- Am I willing to face and deal with difficult emotions like anxiety and loneliness instead of eating over them?
- Can I find ways to celebrate other than eating?
- Can I comfort myself after a difficult day without resorting to food?
- Do I have realistic goals?
- Am I willing to exercise regularly? For the rest of my life? With whatever disabilities, handicaps, financial or time limitations I encounter?
- Can I find exercise that entertains me? Helps me make new friends? That relaxes me and lifts my mood? One that creates more energy for me?

Forgive yourself

Very few people ride a bike perfectly the first time they try. But if they get up every time they fall down, they can become a Lance Armstrong.

So forgive yourself when you fail and give in to a nighttime binge. This doesn't mean you are a failure who will never lose weight. It just means that changing old habits takes time and effort.

Fix what's wrong.

Instead of becoming frustrated and giving up when you fail, analyze what went wrong and fix it. If you went on a midnight snack spree because you skipped dinner, make sure to eat in the early evening to prevent another incident.

Identify your food triggers.

Only you can determine what triggers your overeating. You might be using food to wind down after a stressful day. Perhaps you associate watching television with snacking.

A refrigerator in your room stocked with high calorie treats may be causing your late night eating. Removing the ref or filling it with healthy low-calorie snacks may be the solution.

Forecast future obstacles.

Look ahead and predict what obstacles you are likely to face in changing your eating and exercise habits. If you have been dieting on and off for many years, you are probably already quite familiar with these roadblocks. Identify high-risk situations that could distract you from your goal. Decide how you are going to deal with them ahead of time. Forewarned is forearmed.

Fit in exercise

By losing weight, half the battle is won. For total victory, you have to maintain your weight loss for life. According to an analysis of 25 years of studies, the best method for weight maintenance is exercise.

The 4,000-plus members of the National Weight Control Registry confirm that exercise is key to keeping excess weight from coming back. These "losers" lost an average of 66 pounds and have kept the weight off for over six years.

"It is possible to maintain weight loss without physical activity but it is rare," says Dr. James Hill, founder of the project.

Focus on changing your lifestyle

"Suppose you woke up one morning to find that your hair was turning purple. Would you think, 'Oh dear, my hair is turning purple. I'd better get something to change the color to its normal shade?' Of course not! You would be alarmed and would want to know what's going on inside your body that is turning your hair purple.

"Yet, when you notice you're getting fat, the usual reaction is, 'Oh dear, I am getting fat. I'd better go on a diet to get rid of it.' Most people do not ask what is causing them to get fat. They only want to get back to normal."

This analysis by Covert Bailey in his book, Fit or Fat, highlights one reason why diets do not work. Excess weight is only a symptom of the real problem.

According to Bailey, dieting is the "hair dye." Underneath the dye, you still have purple hair. No matter how much weight you lose on a diet, you still tend to gain weight easily because of a lifestyle of too little exercise and the wrong kind of eating that made you fat in the first place.

Diets do not change that lifestyle pattern so, when you get off the diet, the weight returns with a vengeance.

The Association of Fitness Professionals of the Philippines will hold a seminar on Sept. 17, Saturday, at the University of the Philippines Diliman. Call 9202762 or 0917-5181202.

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